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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-4
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

CHARDAN NEXTECH ACQUISITION 2 CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	6770	85-1873463
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after (i) this registration statement is declared effective and (ii) upon completion of the applicable transactions described in the enclosed proxy statement/prospectus.

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Large accelerated filer		Accelerated filer	
Non-accelerated filer	☒	Smaller reporting company	☒
		Emerging growth company	☒

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Exchange Act Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)

**PROXY STATEMENT FOR
SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF
CHARDAN NEXTECH ACQUISITION 2 CORP.**

**PROSPECTUS FOR
52,486,798 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF CHARDAN NEXTECH ACQUISITION 2 CORP.,
WHICH WILL BE RENAMED “DRAGONFLY ENERGY HOLDINGS CORP.”
IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUSINESS COMBINATION DESCRIBED HEREIN**

The board of directors (the “*Chardan Board*”) of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., a Delaware corporation (“*Chardan*”, “we” or “our”), has unanimously approved the transactions (collectively, the “*Business Combination*”) contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated May 15, 2022 (as it may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “*Business Combination Agreement*”), by and among Chardan, Bronco Merger Sub, Inc., a Nevada corporation and a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of Chardan (“*Merger Sub*”), and Dragonfly Energy Corp., a Nevada corporation (“*Dragonfly*”), a copy of which is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex A. As used in this proxy statement/prospectus, “*New Dragonfly*” refers to Chardan after giving effect to the Business Combination. As described in this proxy statement/prospectus, Chardan’s stockholders are being asked to consider a vote upon the Business Combination, among other items.

As a result of and upon the Closing, among other things, all (i) shares of Dragonfly common stock (after giving effect to the conversion of Dragonfly preferred stock into Dragonfly common stock pursuant to Dragonfly’s governing documents) and (ii) options to acquire shares of Dragonfly common stock (as defined below and as described further in the immediately succeeding paragraph), in each case outstanding as of immediately prior to the Closing, will be cancelled in exchange for the right to receive shares of New Dragonfly common stock or assumed and converted into options to acquire shares of New Dragonfly common stock totaling 40,000,000 shares (at a deemed value of \$10.00 per share). Based on Dragonfly’s outstanding shares and options as of [•], at Closing approximately [•] shares of the Aggregate Merger Consideration will be allocated to holders of outstanding Dragonfly common stock with the balance allocated to holders of the assumed Dragonfly options. Accordingly, this proxy statement/prospectus relates to the issuance by Chardan of shares of New Dragonfly common stock issued in connection with the Merger described herein. The holders of these shares may from time to time sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of these shares in a number of different ways and at varying prices, and we will not receive any proceeds from such transactions.

All Dragonfly options outstanding as of immediately prior to the Merger will be converted into New Dragonfly options. Accordingly, this proxy statement/prospectus also relates to the issuance by New Dragonfly of shares of New Dragonfly common stock upon the exercise of the New Dragonfly options following the Merger. This proxy statement/prospectus also relates to the resale of 7,365,698 shares of New Dragonfly common stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of the New Dragonfly options. See “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Consideration to Dragonfly Holders in the Business Combination.*”

Further, as a result of the Merger, existing holders of Dragonfly capital stock will have the right to receive, subject to achieving specified milestones, up to an aggregate of 40,000,000 additional shares of New Dragonfly common stock in three tranches. The first tranche of 15,000,000 shares is issuable if New Dragonfly’s 2023 total audited revenue is equal to or greater than \$250 million and New Dragonfly’s 2023 audited operating income is equal to or greater than \$35 million. The second tranche of 12,500,000 shares is issuable upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price threshold of at least \$22.50 on or prior to December 31, 2026, and the third tranche of 12,500,000 shares is issuable upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price threshold of at least \$32.50 on or prior to December 31, 2028. To the extent not previously earned, the second tranche is issuable if the \$32.50 price target is achieved by December 31, 2028 (such shares, together, the “*Earnout Shares*”). This proxy statement/prospectus also relates to 40,000,000 New Dragonfly common stock issued as Earnout Shares.

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan entered into a subscription agreement (the “*Subscription Agreement*”) with the Sponsor, pursuant to which, among other things, the Sponsor agreed to subscribe for and purchase, and Chardan agreed to issue and sell to the Sponsor, 500,000 newly issued shares of Chardan common stock (the “*PIPE Securities*”), for a price of \$10.00 per share for gross proceeds of \$5 million (the “*Equity Financing*”). The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market provided such shares are not redeemed (as described below). Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Subscription Agreement*” for additional information.

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly entered into a commitment letter (the “*Debt Commitment Letter*”) with CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets (the “*Chardan Lender*”), and EICF Agent LLC (collectively, the “*Term Loan Lenders*”), pursuant to which the Term Loan Lenders have agreed to provide Dragonfly with a senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$75 million (the “*Term Loan*”) on the Closing Date subject to the satisfaction of a number of specified

The information in this preliminary proxy statement/prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary proxy statement/prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. The obligations of the Term Loan Lenders to provide the Term Loan will terminate on October 31, 2022. The Chardan Lender intends to backstop its commitment under the Debt Commitment Letter by entering into a backstop commitment letter (the “*Backstop Commitment Letter*”) with certain third party financing sources (the “*Backstop Lenders*”) prior to the Closing Date.

The proceeds of the Term Loan may be used (i) to support the Business Combination, (ii) to repay outstanding indebtedness and other obligations of Dragonfly, (iii) to pay fees and expenses in connection with the foregoing, (iv) to provide additional growth capital and (v) for other general/corporate purposes. The Term Loan must be fully drawn on the Closing Date and will mature four years from the Closing Date.

In connection with the Term Loan, New Dragonfly will also issue to the Term Loan Lenders (but not the Chardan Lender in the event it has not backstopped its commitment pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter and transferred all rights and obligations under the Debt Commitment Letter to the Backstop Lenders) the Penny Warrants, exercisable to purchase 3.6% of Dragonfly’s common stock on a fully-diluted basis, and the \$10 Warrants, which are exercisable to purchase 1.6 million shares of Dragonfly’s common stock at \$10 per share. This proxy statement/prospectus also relates to up to 3,600,000 shares issued upon the exercise of the Penny Warrants and \$10 Warrants.

The definitive documentation for the Term Loan has not been finalized and, accordingly, the actual terms of the Term Loan, may differ from those described in this proxy statement/prospectus. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Debt Commitment Letter*” for additional information.

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Dragonfly and CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets (the “*Equity Facility Investor*”), entered into an equity facility letter agreement on May 15, 2022 (the “*Equity Facility Letter Agreement*”), pursuant to which Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into definitive documentation (the “*Equity Facility Definitive Documentation*”) to establish a committed equity facility (the “*Equity Facility*”) prior to the Closing Date. The Equity Facility Definitive Documentation will contain terms that are consistent with the Equity Facility Letter Agreement and customary for documentation of this nature. Pursuant to and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions to be set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, including the filing and effectiveness of a registration statement registering the resale by the Equity Facility Investor of the shares of New Dragonfly Common Stock issued to it under the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, New Dragonfly will have the right from time to time at its option to direct the Equity Facility Investor to purchase up to a specified maximum amount of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, up to a maximum aggregate purchase price of \$150,000,000 over the 36-month term of the Equity Facility. While there will be distinct differences, the Equity Facility will be structured similarly to a traditional at-the-market equity facility, insofar as it will allow New Dragonfly to raise primary equity capital on a periodic basis outside the context of a traditional underwritten follow-on offering.

Chardan’s units, common stock and public warrants are currently listed on The Nasdaq Capital Market (the “*Nasdaq*”) under the symbols “CNTQU,” “CNTQ” and “CNTQW,” respectively. At the Closing, each Chardan unit will separate into its components consisting of one share of Chardan common stock and three-quarters of one warrant to purchase one share of Chardan common stock and, as a result, will no longer trade as a separate security.

This proxy statement/prospectus provides shareholders of Chardan with detailed information about the proposed business combination and other matters to be considered at the special meeting of Chardan. We encourage you to read this entire document, including the Annexes and other documents referred to herein, carefully and in their entirety. You should also carefully consider the risk factors described in “*Risk Factors*” beginning on page 51 of this proxy statement/prospectus.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES REGULATORY AGENCY HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED THE TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, PASSED UPON THE MERITS OR FAIRNESS OF THE BUSINESS COMBINATION OR RELATED TRANSACTIONS OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THE DISCLOSURE IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY CONSTITUTES A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

**This proxy statement/prospectus is dated [•], 2022, and
is first being mailed to Chardan’s shareholders on or about [•], 2022.**

CHARDAN NEXTECH ACQUISITION 2 CORP.
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Dear Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. Stockholders,

On behalf of the board of directors (the “*Chardan Board*”) of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., a Delaware corporation (“*Chardan*”, “*we*” or “*our*”), we cordially invite you to a special meeting (the “*special meeting*”) of stockholders of Chardan, to be held at [•] a.m. Eastern Time, on [•], at the offices of [•] located at [•]. In the interest of public health, and due to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19), the special meeting may also be held through a “virtual” or online method.

The Chardan Board has unanimously approved the transactions (collectively, the “*Business Combination*”) contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated May 15, 2022 (as it may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “*Business Combination Agreement*”), by and among Chardan, Bronco Merger Sub, Inc., a Nevada corporation and a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of Chardan (“*Merger Sub*”), and Dragonfly Energy Corp., a Nevada corporation (“*Dragonfly*”), a copy of which is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex A. As described in this proxy statement/prospectus, Chardan’s stockholders are being asked to consider a vote upon the Business Combination, among other items. As used in this proxy statement/prospectus, “*New Dragonfly*” refers to Chardan after giving effect to the Business Combination.

On the Closing Date, Merger Sub will merge with and into Dragonfly (the “*Merger*”), with Dragonfly as the surviving corporation in the Merger and, after giving effect to the Merger, Dragonfly will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chardan (the time that the Merger becomes effective being referred to as the “*Effective Time*”).

As a result of and upon the Closing, among other things, all (i) shares of Dragonfly common stock (after giving effect to the conversion of Dragonfly preferred stock into Dragonfly common stock pursuant to Dragonfly’s governing documents) and (ii) options to acquire shares of Dragonfly common stock (as defined below and as described further in the immediately succeeding paragraph), in each case outstanding as of immediately prior to the Closing, will be cancelled in exchange for the right to receive shares of New Dragonfly common stock or assumed and converted into options to acquire shares of New Dragonfly common stock totaling 40,000,000 shares (at a deemed value of \$10.00 per share). Based on Dragonfly’s outstanding shares and options as of [•], at Closing approximately 8,818,769 shares of the Aggregate Merger Consideration will be allocated to holders of outstanding Dragonfly common stock and 7,365,698 shares of the Aggregate Merger Consideration will be allocated to holders of the assumed Dragonfly options. Accordingly, this proxy statement/prospectus relates to the issuance by Chardan of shares of New Dragonfly common stock issued in connection with the Merger described herein. The holders of these shares may from time to time sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of these shares in a number of different ways and at varying prices, and we will not receive any proceeds from such transactions.

All Dragonfly options outstanding as of immediately prior to the Merger will be converted into New Dragonfly options. Accordingly, this proxy statement/prospectus also relates to the issuance by New Dragonfly of shares of New Dragonfly common stock upon the exercise of the New Dragonfly options following the Merger.

Further, as a result of the Merger, existing holders of Dragonfly capital stock will have the right to receive, subject to achieving specified milestones, up to an aggregate of 40,000,000 additional shares of New Dragonfly common stock in three tranches. The first tranche of 15,000,000 shares is issuable if New Dragonfly’s 2023 total audited revenue is equal to or greater than \$250 million and New Dragonfly’s 2023 audited operating income is equal to or greater than \$35 million. The second tranche of 12,500,000 shares is issuable upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price threshold of at least \$22.50 on or prior to December 31, 2026, and the third tranche of 12,500,000 shares is issuable upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price threshold of at least \$32.50 on or prior to December 31, 2028. To the extent not previously earned, the second tranche is issuable if the \$32.50 price target is achieved by December 31, 2028 (such shares, together, the “*Earnout Shares*”). This proxy statement/prospectus also relates to 40,000,000 New Dragonfly common stock issued as Earnout Shares.

At the special meeting, Chardan stockholders will be asked to consider and vote upon:

(1) Proposal No. 1 — To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the Business Combination, including (a) adopting the Business Combination Agreement and (b) approving the other transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement and related agreements described in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus — we refer to this proposal as the “*Business Combination Proposal*”;

(2) Proposal No. 2 — To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve and adopt, assuming the Business Combination Proposal is approved, the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Chardan in the form attached hereto as Annex B (the “*second amended and restated certificate of incorporation*”) — we refer to this proposal as the “*Charter Proposal*”;

(3) Proposal No. 3 — To consider and vote on a proposal to approve and adopt, assuming the Business Combination Proposal and the Charter Proposal are approved, for purposes of complying with the applicable rules of the Nasdaq, the New Dragonfly 2022 Incentive Plan (the “*2022 Plan*”) — we refer to this proposal as the “*Incentive Plan Proposal*.” A copy of the 2022 Plan is attached to the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus as Annex G;

(4) Proposal No. 4 — To consider and vote upon a proposal, for purposes of complying with the applicable rules of Nasdaq, to approve the issuance of shares of Chardan’s common stock in connection with the Business Combination, including, without limitation, the Aggregate Merger Consideration, the Earnout Shares, the PIPE Investment, the Term Loan Lender Warrants and the Equity Facility (as described below), assuming the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal and the Incentive Plan Proposal are approved, for purposes of complying with the applicable rules of the Nasdaq — we refer to this proposal as the “*Nasdaq Proposal*”;

(5) Proposal No. 5 — To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve, assuming the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal and the Nasdaq Proposal are approved, the New Dragonfly Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “*ESPP*”), a copy of which is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex H, including the authorization of the initial share reserve under the ESPP — we refer to this proposal as the “*ESPP Proposal*”; and

(6) Proposal No. 6 — To consider and vote upon a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal or the ESPP Proposal — we refer to this proposal as the “*Adjournment Proposal*.”

Each of these proposals is more fully described in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus, which we encourage you to read carefully and in its entirety before voting. Only holders of record of Chardan common stock at the close of business on [•] are entitled to notice of the special meeting and to vote and have their votes counted at the special meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

After careful consideration, the Chardan Board has determined that the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal, the ESPP Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal are fair to and in the best interests of Chardan and its stockholders and unanimously recommends that you vote or give instruction to vote “FOR” the Business Combination Proposal, “FOR” the Charter Proposal, “FOR” the Incentive Plan Proposal, “FOR” the Nasdaq Proposal, “FOR” the ESPP Proposal and “FOR” the Adjournment Proposal, if presented. When you consider the Chardan Board’s recommendation of these proposals, you should keep in mind that our directors and officers have interests in the Business Combination that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of Chardan stockholders generally. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination*” for additional information. The Chardan Board was aware of and considered these interests, among other matters, in evaluating and negotiating the Business Combination and in recommending to the Chardan stockholders that they vote in favor of the proposals presented at the special meeting.

Consummation of the Business Combination is conditioned on the approval of each of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal and the ESPP Proposal. If any of those proposals are not approved, we will not consummate the Business Combination.

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan entered into the Subscription Agreement with the Sponsor, pursuant to which, among other things, the Sponsor agreed to subscribe for and purchase, and Chardan agreed to issue and sell to the Sponsor, 500,000 shares of PIPE Securities, for a price of \$10.00 per share for gross proceeds of \$5 million. The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market provided such shares are not redeemed (as described below). Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Subscription Agreement*” for additional information.

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly entered into a commitment letter (the “*Debt Commitment Letter*”) with CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets (the “*Chardan Lender*”), and EICF Agent LLC (collectively, the “*Term Loan Lenders*”), pursuant to which the Term Loan Lenders have agreed to provide Dragonfly with a senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$75 million (the “*Term Loan*”) on the Closing Date subject to the satisfaction of a number of specified conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. The obligations of the Term Loan Lenders to provide the Term Loan will terminate on October 31, 2022. The Chardan Lender intends to backstop its commitment under the Debt Commitment Letter by entering into a backstop commitment letter (the “*Backstop Commitment Letter*”) with certain third party financing sources (the “*Backstop Lenders*”) prior to the Closing Date.

The proceeds of the Term Loan may be used (i) to support the Business Combination, (ii) to repay outstanding indebtedness and other obligations of Dragonfly, (iii) to pay fees and expenses in connection with the foregoing, (iv) to provide additional growth capital and (v) for other general/corporate purposes. The Term Loan must be fully drawn on the Closing Date and will mature four years from the Closing Date.

In connection with the Term Loan, New Dragonfly will also issue to the Term Loan Lenders (but not the Chardan Lender in the event it has not backstopped its commitment pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter and transferred all rights and obligations under the Debt Commitment Letter to the Backstop Lenders) the Penny Warrants, exercisable to purchase 3.6% of Dragonfly’s common stock on a fully-diluted basis, and the \$10 Warrants, which are exercisable to purchase 1.6 million shares of Dragonfly’s common stock at \$10 per share.

The definitive documentation for the Term Loan has not been finalized and, accordingly, the actual terms of the Term Loan, may differ from those described in this proxy statement/prospectus. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Debt Commitment Letter*” for additional information.

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Dragonfly and CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets (the “*Equity Facility Investor*”), entered into an equity facility letter agreement on May 15, 2022 (the “*Equity Facility Letter Agreement*”), pursuant to which Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into definitive documentation (the “*Equity Facility Definitive Documentation*”) to establish a committed equity facility (the “*Equity Facility*”) prior to the Closing Date. The Equity Facility Definitive Documentation will contain terms that are consistent with the Equity Facility Letter Agreement and customary for documentation of this nature. Pursuant to and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions to be set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, including the filing and effectiveness of a registration statement registering the resale by the Equity Facility Investor of the shares of New Dragonfly Common Stock issued to it under the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, New Dragonfly will have the right from time to time at its option to direct the Equity Facility Investor to purchase up to a specified maximum amount of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, up to a maximum aggregate purchase price of \$150,000,000 over the 36-month term of the Equity Facility. While there will be distinct differences, the Equity Facility will be structured similarly to a traditional at-the-market equity facility, insofar as it will allow New Dragonfly to raise primary equity capital on a periodic basis outside the context of a traditional underwritten follow-on offering.

All Chardan stockholders are cordially invited to attend the special meeting and we are providing the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus and proxy card in connection with the solicitation of proxies to be voted at the special meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof). To ensure your representation at the special meeting, however, you are urged to complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card as soon

as possible. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm or bank, you must instruct your broker or bank on how to vote your shares or, if you wish to attend the special meeting and vote, obtain a proxy from your broker or bank.

Chardan's units, common stock and public warrants are currently listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market (the "*Nasdaq*") under the symbols "CNTQU," "CNTQ" and "CNTQW," respectively. Chardan will apply for listing, to be effective at the time of the Business Combination, of New Dragonfly common stock and public warrants on the Nasdaq under the proposed symbols "DFLI" and "DFLIW," respectively. It is a condition of the consummation of the Business Combination that Chardan receive confirmation from the Nasdaq that New Dragonfly has been conditionally approved for listing on the Nasdaq, but there can be no assurance such listing condition will be met or that Chardan will obtain such confirmation from the Nasdaq. If such listing condition is not met or if such confirmation is not obtained, the Business Combination will not be consummated unless the Nasdaq condition set forth in the Business Combination Agreement is waived by the applicable parties.

Pursuant to Chardan's current certificate of incorporation, a holder of public shares may demand that Chardan redeem such shares for cash if the Business Combination is consummated. Holders of public shares will be entitled to receive cash for these shares only if they demand that Chardan redeem their shares for cash no later than the second business day prior to the originally scheduled vote on the Business Combination Proposal by delivering their stock to the Transfer Agent prior to the vote at the meeting. If the Business Combination is not completed, these shares will not be redeemed. The redemption rights include the requirement that a holder must identify himself, herself or itself in writing as a beneficial holder and provide his, her or its legal name, phone number and address to the Transfer Agent in order to validly redeem his, her or its shares. If a holder of public shares properly demands redemption and votes for or against the Business Combination Proposal, Chardan will redeem each public share for a full pro rata portion of the trust account (as defined in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus), calculated as of two business days prior to the consummation of the Business Combination.

Chardan is an "emerging growth company" as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 and has elected to comply with certain reduced public company reporting requirements.

The accompanying proxy statement/prospectus provides you with detailed information about the Business Combination and other matters to be considered at the special meeting of Chardan's stockholders. We encourage you to carefully read the entire document, including the Annexes attached thereto. **You should also carefully consider the risk factors described in section entitled "*Risk Factors*" beginning on page [•].**

Your vote is important regardless of the number of shares you own. Whether you plan to attend the special meeting or not, please sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card as soon as possible in the envelope provided. If your shares are held in "street name" or are in a margin or similar account, you should contact your broker to ensure that votes related to the shares you beneficially own are properly counted.

The transactions described in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus have not been approved or disapproved by the SEC or any state securities commission nor has the SEC or any state securities commission passed upon the merits or fairness of the Business Combination or related transactions, or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of the disclosure in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to your continued support.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/

Kerry Propper

Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors

[Date]

IF YOU RETURN YOUR PROXY CARD WITHOUT AN INDICATION OF HOW YOU WISH TO VOTE, YOUR SHARES WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF EACH OF THE PROPOSALS.

TO EXERCISE YOUR REDEMPTION RIGHTS, YOU MUST TENDER YOUR SHARES TO CHARDAN'S TRANSFER AGENT AT LEAST TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED VOTE ON THE BUSINESS COMBINATION PROPOSAL AT THE SPECIAL MEETING. THE REDEMPTION RIGHTS INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A HOLDER MUST IDENTIFY HIMSELF, HERSELF OR ITSELF IN WRITING AS A BENEFICIAL OWNER AND PROVIDE HIS, HER OR ITS LEGAL NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS TO CHARDAN'S TRANSFER AGENT IN ORDER TO VALIDLY REDEEM HIS, HER OR ITS SHARES. YOU MAY TENDER YOUR SHARES BY EITHER DELIVERING YOUR SHARE CERTIFICATE TO CHARDAN'S TRANSFER AGENT OR BY DELIVERING YOUR SHARES ELECTRONICALLY USING THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY'S DWAC (DEPOSIT AND WITHDRAWAL AT CUSTODIAN) SYSTEM. IF THE BUSINESS COMBINATION IS NOT COMPLETED, THEN THESE SHARES WILL NOT BE REDEEMED. IF YOU HOLD THE SHARES IN STREET NAME, YOU WILL NEED TO INSTRUCT THE ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE AT YOUR BANK OR BROKER TO WITHDRAW THE SHARES FROM YOUR ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO EXERCISE YOUR REDEMPTION RIGHTS. PLEASE SEE THE SECTION ENTITLED "*SPECIAL MEETING OF CHARDAN STOCKHOLDERS—REDEMPTION RIGHTS*" FOR MORE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.

The accompanying proxy statement/prospectus is dated [•] and is first being mailed to Chardan stockholders on or about [•].

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NEW YORK, NY 10004

**NOTICE OF
SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON [•]**

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF CHARDAN NEXTECH ACQUISITION 2 CORP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting (the “*special meeting*”) of stockholders of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., a Delaware corporation (“*Chardan*”, “*we*” or “*our*”), will be held at [•], at the offices of [•] located at [•]. In the interest of public health, and due to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19), the special meeting may also be held through a “virtual” or online method.

On behalf of Chardan’s board of directors (the “*Chardan Board*”), you are cordially invited to attend the special meeting, to conduct the following business items:

(1) Proposal No. 1 — To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the transactions (collectively, the “*Business Combination*”) contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated May 15, 2022 (as it may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “*Business Combination Agreement*”), by and among Chardan, Bronco Merger Sub, Inc., a Nevada corporation and a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of Chardan (“*Merger Sub*”), and Dragonfly Energy Corp., a Nevada corporation (“*Dragonfly*”), a copy of which is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex A, including (a) adopting the Business Combination Agreement and (b) approving the other transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement and related agreements described in this proxy statement/prospectus — we refer to this proposal as the “*Business Combination Proposal*”;

(2) Proposal No. 2 — To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve and adopt, assuming the Business Combination Proposal is approved, the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Chardan in the form attached hereto as Annex B (the “*second amended and restated certificate of incorporation*”) — we refer to this proposal as the “*Charter Proposal*”;

(3) Proposal No. 3 — To consider and vote on a proposal to approve and adopt, assuming the Business Combination Proposal and the Charter Proposal are approved, for purposes of complying with the applicable rules of the Nasdaq, the New Dragonfly 2022 Incentive Plan (the “*2022 Plan*”) — we refer to this proposal as the “*Incentive Plan Proposal*.” A copy of the 2022 Plan is attached to the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus as Annex G;

(4) Proposal No. 4 — To consider and vote upon a proposal, for purposes of complying with the applicable rules of Nasdaq, to approve the issuance of shares of Chardan’s common stock in connection with the Business Combination, including, without limitation, the Aggregate Merger Consideration, the Earnout Shares, the PIPE Investment, the Term Loan Lender Warrants and the Equity Facility (as described below), assuming the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal and the Incentive Plan Proposal are approved, for purposes of complying with the applicable rules of the Nasdaq — we refer to this proposal as the “*Nasdaq Proposal*”;

(5) Proposal No. 5 — To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve, assuming the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal and the Nasdaq Proposal are approved, the New Dragonfly Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “*ESPP*”), a copy of which is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex H, including the authorization of the initial share reserve under the ESPP — we refer to this proposal as the “*ESPP Proposal*”;

(6) Proposal No. 6 — To consider and vote upon a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal or the ESPP Proposal — we refer to this proposal as the “*Adjournment Proposal*.”

Each of these proposals is more fully described in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus, which we encourage you to read carefully and in its entirety before voting. Only holders of record of Chardan common stock at the close of business on [•] are entitled to notice of the special meeting and to vote and have their votes counted at the special meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

After careful consideration, the Chardan Board has determined that the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal, the ESPP Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal are fair to and in the best interests of Chardan and its stockholders and unanimously recommends that you vote or give instruction to vote “FOR” the Business Combination Proposal, “FOR” the Charter Proposal, “FOR” the Incentive Plan Proposal, “FOR” the Nasdaq Proposal, “FOR” the ESPP Proposal and “FOR” the Adjournment Proposal, if presented. When you consider the Chardan Board’s recommendation of these proposals, you should keep in mind that our directors and officers have interests in the Business Combination that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of Chardan stockholders generally. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1—The Business Combination Proposal—Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination*” for additional information. The Chardan Board was aware of and considered these interests, among other matters, in evaluating and negotiating the Business Combination and in recommending to the Chardan stockholders that they vote in favor of the proposals presented at the special meeting.

Consummation of the Business Combination is conditioned on the approval of each of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal and the ESPP Proposal. If any of those proposals are not approved, we will not consummate the Business Combination.

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan entered into the Subscription Agreement with the Sponsor, pursuant to which, among other things, the Sponsor agreed to subscribe for and purchase, and Chardan agreed to issue and sell to the Sponsor, 500,000 PIPE Securities, for a price of \$10.00 per share for gross proceeds of \$5 million. The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market provided such shares are not redeemed (as described below).

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly entered into a commitment letter (the “*Debt Commitment Letter*”) with CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets (the “*Chardan Lender*”), and EICF Agent LLC (collectively, the “*Term Loan Lenders*”), pursuant to which the Term Loan Lenders have agreed to provide Dragonfly with a senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$75 million (the “*Term Loan*”) on the Closing Date subject to the satisfaction of a number of specified conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. The obligations of the Term Loan Lenders to provide the Term Loan will terminate on October 31, 2022. The Chardan Lender intends to backstop its commitment under the Debt Commitment Letter by entering into a backstop commitment letter (the “*Backstop Commitment Letter*”) with certain third party financing sources (the “*Backstop Lenders*”) prior to the Closing Date.

The proceeds of the Term Loan may be used (i) to support the Business Combination, (ii) to repay outstanding indebtedness and other obligations of Dragonfly, (iii) to pay fees and expenses in connection with the foregoing, (iv) to provide additional growth capital and (v) for other general/corporate purposes. The Term Loan must be fully drawn on the Closing Date and will mature four years from the Closing Date.

In connection with the Term Loan, New Dragonfly will also issue to the Term Loan Lenders (but not the Chardan Lender in the event it has not backstopped its commitment pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter and transferred all rights and obligations under the Debt Commitment Letter to the Backstop Lenders) the Penny Warrants, exercisable to purchase 3.6% of Dragonfly’s common stock on a fully-diluted basis, and the \$10 Warrants, which are exercisable to purchase 1.6 million shares of Dragonfly’s common stock at \$10 per share.

The definitive documentation for the Term Loan has not been finalized and, accordingly, the actual terms of the Term Loan, may differ from those described in this proxy statement/prospectus. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Debt Commitment Letter*” for additional information.

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Dragonfly and CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets (the “*Equity Facility Investor*”), entered into an equity facility letter agreement on May 15, 2022 (the “*Equity Facility Letter Agreement*”), pursuant to which Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into definitive documentation (the “*Equity Facility Definitive Documentation*”) to establish a committed equity facility (the “*Equity Facility*”) prior to the Closing Date. The Equity Facility Definitive Documentation will contain terms that are consistent with the Equity Facility Letter Agreement and customary for documentation of this nature. Pursuant to and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions to be set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, including the filing and effectiveness of a registration statement registering the resale by the Equity Facility Investor of the shares of New Dragonfly Common Stock issued to it under the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, New Dragonfly will have the right from time to time at its option to direct the Equity Facility Investor to purchase up to a specified maximum amount of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, up to a maximum aggregate purchase price of \$150,000,000 over the 36-month term of the Equity Facility. While there will be distinct differences, the Equity Facility will be structured similarly to a traditional at-the-market equity facility, insofar as it will allow New Dragonfly to raise primary equity capital on a periodic basis outside the context of a traditional underwritten follow-on offering.

All Chardan stockholders are cordially invited to attend the special meeting and we are providing the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus and proxy card in connection with the solicitation of proxies to be voted at the special meeting (or any adjournment or postponement thereof). To ensure your representation at the special meeting, however, you are urged to complete, sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card as soon as possible. If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm or bank, you must instruct your broker or bank on how to vote your shares or, if you wish to attend the special meeting and vote, obtain a proxy from your broker or bank.

Chardan’s units, common stock and public warrants are currently listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market (the “*Nasdaq*”) under the symbols “CNTQU,” “CNTQ” and “CNTQW,” respectively. Chardan will apply for listing, to be effective at the time of the Business Combination, of New Dragonfly common stock and public warrants on the Nasdaq under the proposed symbols “DFLI” and “DFLIW,” respectively. It is a condition of the consummation of the Business Combination that Chardan receive confirmation from the Nasdaq that New Dragonfly has been conditionally approved for listing on the Nasdaq, but there can be no assurance such listing condition will be met or that Chardan will obtain such confirmation from the Nasdaq. If such listing condition is not met or if such confirmation is not obtained, the Business Combination will not be consummated unless the Nasdaq condition set forth in the Business Combination Agreement is waived by the applicable parties.

Pursuant to Chardan’s current certificate of incorporation, a holder of public shares may demand that Chardan redeem such shares for cash if the Business Combination is consummated. Holders of public shares will be entitled to receive cash for these shares only if they demand that Chardan redeem their shares for cash no later than the second business day prior to the originally scheduled vote on the Business Combination Proposal by delivering their stock to Chardan’s transfer agent prior to the vote at the meeting. If the Business Combination is not completed, these shares will not be redeemed. The redemption rights include the requirement that a holder must identify himself, herself or itself in writing as a beneficial holder and provide his, her or its legal name, phone number and address to Chardan’s transfer agent in order to validly redeem his, her or its shares. If a holder of public shares properly demands redemption and votes for or against the Business Combination Proposal, Chardan will redeem each public share for a full pro rata portion of the trust account (as defined in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus), calculated as of two business days prior to the consummation of the business combination.

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Your vote is important regardless of the number of shares you own. Whether you plan to attend the special meeting or not, please sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card as soon as possible in the envelope provided. If your shares are held in “street name” or are in a margin or similar account, you should contact your broker to ensure that votes related to the shares you beneficially own are properly counted.

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to your continued support.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/ _____

Kerry Propper

Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors

[Date]

IF YOU RETURN YOUR PROXY CARD WITHOUT AN INDICATION OF HOW YOU WISH TO VOTE, YOUR SHARES WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF EACH OF THE PROPOSALS.

TO EXERCISE YOUR REDEMPTION RIGHTS, YOU MUST ELECT TO HAVE CHARDAN REDEEM YOUR SHARES FOR A PRO RATA PORTION OF THE FUNDS HELD IN THE TRUST ACCOUNT AND TENDER YOUR SHARES TO CHARDAN’S TRANSFER AGENT AT LEAST TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED VOTE ON THE BUSINESS COMBINATION PROPOSAL AT THE SPECIAL MEETING. THE REDEMPTION RIGHTS INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A HOLDER MUST IDENTIFY HIMSELF, HERSELF OR ITSELF IN WRITING AS A BENEFICIAL OWNER AND PROVIDE HIS, HER OR ITS LEGAL NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS TO CHARDAN’S TRANSFER AGENT IN ORDER TO VALIDLY REDEEM HIS, HER OR ITS SHARES. YOU MAY TENDER YOUR SHARES BY EITHER DELIVERING YOUR SHARE CERTIFICATE TO CHARDAN’S TRANSFER AGENT OR BY DELIVERING YOUR SHARES ELECTRONICALLY USING THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY’S DWAC (DEPOSIT AND WITHDRAWAL AT CUSTODIAN) SYSTEM. IF THE BUSINESS COMBINATION IS NOT COMPLETED, THEN THESE SHARES WILL NOT BE REDEEMED. IF YOU HOLD THE SHARES IN STREET NAME, YOU WILL NEED TO INSTRUCT THE ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE AT YOUR BANK OR BROKER TO WITHDRAW THE SHARES FROM YOUR ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO EXERCISE YOUR REDEMPTION RIGHTS. PLEASE SEE THE SECTION ENTITLED “*SPECIAL MEETING OF CHARDAN STOCKHOLDERS — REDEMPTION RIGHTS*” FOR MORE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.

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FREQUENTLY USED TERMS

Unless otherwise stated in this proxy statement or the context otherwise requires, references to:

“*\$10 Warrants*” are to the warrants to acquire 1,600,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock at per share exercise price of \$10.00 issued to the Term Loan Lenders;

“*2022 Plan*” are to the Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. 2022 Equity Incentive Plan to be adopted by Chardan prior to the Closing;

“*Aggregate Fully Diluted Company Common Shares*” are to, without duplication, (a) the aggregate number of shares of Dragonfly common stock that are (i) the Dragonfly Conversion Shares or (ii) issuable upon, or subject to, the exercise of Dragonfly options (whether or not then vested or exercisable) that are outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, *minus* (b) a number of shares of Dragonfly common stock equal to (A) the aggregate exercise price of such Dragonfly options *divided by* (B) the Per Share Merger Consideration;

“*Aggregate Merger Consideration*” are to the number of Chardan common stock equal to the quotient obtained by *dividing* (i) \$400,000,000 by (ii) \$10.00;

“*Aggregate Transaction Proceeds*” are to the aggregate funds in the trust account immediately prior to the Closing, together with the aggregate gross proceeds from the PIPE Investment, the Term Loan and the Equity Facility, before deducting any transaction expenses and after deducting any amounts paid to Chardan stockholders that exercise their redemption rights in connection with the Business Combination;

“*Business Combination*” are to the Merger, together with the other transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement (including the consummation of the PIPE Investment) and the related agreements;

“*Business Combination Agreement*” are to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 15, 2022, by and among Chardan, Merger Sub and Dragonfly, as it may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time;

“*Business Combination Marketing Agreement*” are to that certain business combination marketing agreement, dated as of August 10, 2021, between Chardan and Chardan Capital Markets;

“*change of control*” are to any transaction or series of transactions (a) following which any individual, firm, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint venture, joint stock company, governmental authority or instrumentality or other entity of any kind (each of the foregoing, a “Person”) or “group” (within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) of persons (other than New Dragonfly, the Surviving Corporation or any of their respective subsidiaries), has direct or indirect beneficial ownership of securities (or rights convertible or exchangeable into securities) representing fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting power of or economic rights or interests in New Dragonfly, the Surviving Corporation or any of their respective subsidiaries, (b) constituting a merger, consolidation, reorganization or other business combination, however effected, following which either (i) the members of the New Dragonfly Board or the Surviving Corporation immediately prior to such merger, consolidation, reorganization or other business combination do not constitute at least a majority of the board of directors of the company surviving the combination or, if the surviving company is a subsidiary, the ultimate parent thereof or (ii) the voting securities of New Dragonfly, the Surviving Corporation or any of their respective subsidiaries immediately prior to such merger, consolidation, reorganization or other business combination do not continue to represent or are not converted into fifty percent (50%) or more of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities of the Person resulting from such combination or, if the surviving company is a subsidiary, the ultimate parent thereof, or (c) the result of which is a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of New Dragonfly or the Surviving Corporation to any Person;

“*Chardan*” are to Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., a Delaware corporation;

“*Chardan Capital Markets*” are to Chardan Capital Markets, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and representative of the underwriters of the Chardan IPO;

“*Chardan common stock*” are, prior to consummation of the Business Combination, to Chardan common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and, following consummation of the Business Combination, to the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of New Dragonfly;

“*Chardan IPO*” are to the initial public offering by Chardan, which closed on August 13, 2021;

“*Chardan option*” are to options to purchase Chardan common stock;

“*Chardan Organizational Documents*” are to the bylaws and certificate of incorporation of Chardan, each as amended;

“*Chardan unit*” are to the units of Chardan sold as part of the Chardan IPO;

“*Chardan Share Redemption*” are to the election of an eligible (as determined in accordance with governing documents of Chardan) holder of Chardan common stock to redeem all or a portion of the shares of Chardan common stock held by such holder at a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to a pro rata share of the aggregate amount on deposit in the trust account (including any interest earned on the funds held in the trust account) (as determined in accordance with governing documents of Chardan) in connection with the Business Combination;

“*Chardan Transaction Expenses*” are to the following out-of-pocket fees and expenses paid or payable by Chardan or its affiliates (whether or not billed or accrued for) as a result of or in connection with the negotiation, documentation and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or Chardan’s initial public offering: (a) all documented fees, costs, expenses, brokerage fees, commissions, finders’ fees and disbursements of financial advisors, investment banks, data room administrators, attorneys, accountants and other advisors and service providers (including any deferred underwriting commissions), (b) fifty percent (50%) of the filing fees incurred in connection with making any filings under Section 8.1 of the Business Combination Agreement, (c) fifty percent (50%) of the filing fees incurred in connection with filing the registration statement, the proxy statement or the proxy statement/registration statement under Section 8.2 of the Business Combination Agreement and the application fees incurred in connection with obtaining approval of the Nasdaq under Section 7.3 of the Business Combination Agreement, (d) repayment of any Working Capital Loans (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement) and (e) any other fees and expenses as a result of or in connection with the negotiation, documentation and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, in each case of clauses (a) through (e), solely to the extent such fees and expenses are incurred and unpaid as of the Closing. Chardan Transaction Expenses shall not include any fees and expenses of Chardan’s stockholders (other than Working Capital Loans);

“*Closing*” are to the consummation of the Business Combination;

“*Closing Date*” are to the date on which the Business Combination is consummated;

“*completion window*” are to the period following the completion of the Chardan IPO at the end of which, if Chardan has not completed an initial business combination, it will redeem 100% of the public shares at a per share price, payable in cash, equal to (a) the aggregate amount then on deposit in the trust account, including interest earned and not previously released to us for Chardan’s working capital requirements as well as to pay Chardan’s taxes, divided by (b) the number of then-outstanding public shares, subject to applicable law and certain conditions. The completion window ends on August 13, 2022, or as extended by the Insiders up to two times by an additional three months each time (to February 13, 2023 for a total of up to 18 months to complete a business combination);

“*Debt Commitment Letter*” are to that certain commitment letter dated as of May 15, 2022, by and among Chardan, Dragonfly and the Term Loan Lenders;

“*DGCL*” are to the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended;

“*current certificate of incorporation*” are to Chardan’s amended and restated certificate of incorporation in effect as of the date of this proxy statement;

“*Dragonfly*” are to Dragonfly Energy Corp., a Nevada corporation;

“*Dragonfly Charter*” are to the Articles of Incorporation of Dragonfly, dated April 11, 2016, as amended;

“*Dragonfly common stock*” are to a share of Dragonfly’s common stock, par value \$0.001 per share;

“*Dragonfly Conversion Shares*” are to the aggregate number of shares of Dragonfly common stock that are (i) issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time and (ii) issuable upon the conversion of the Dragonfly preferred stock immediately prior to the Effective Time in accordance with the governing documents of Dragonfly;

“*Dragonfly Incentive Plan*” are to either or both of Dragonfly’s 2019 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, and/or Dragonfly’s 2021 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, as the context requires;

“*Dragonfly option*” are to an option to purchase Dragonfly stock granted under either Dragonfly Incentive Plan;

“*Dragonfly preferred stock*” are to the Series A preferred stock of Dragonfly, par value \$0.001 per share;

“*Dragonfly stock*” are to, collectively, the Dragonfly common stock and the Dragonfly preferred stock;

“*Dragonfly Transaction Expenses*” are to the following out-of-pocket fees and expenses paid or payable by Dragonfly or any of its subsidiaries (whether or not billed or accrued for) as a result of or in connection with the negotiation, documentation and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby: (a) all documented fees, costs, expenses, brokerage fees, commissions, finders’ fees and disbursements of financial advisors, investment banks, data room administrators, attorneys, accountants and other advisors and service providers, (b) fifty percent (50%) of the filing fees incurred in connection with making any filings under Section 8.1 of the Business Combination Agreement, (c) fifty percent (50%) of the filing fees incurred in connection with filing the registration statement, the proxy statement or the proxy statement/registration statement under Section 8.2 of the Business Combination Agreement and the application fees incurred in connection with obtaining approval of the Nasdaq under Section 7.3 of the Business Combination Agreement, (d) change-in-control payments, transaction bonuses, retention payments, severance or similar compensatory payments payable by Dragonfly or any of its subsidiaries to any current or former employee (including any amounts due under any consulting agreement with any such former employee), independent contractor, officer, or director of Dragonfly or any of its subsidiaries as a result of the transactions contemplated hereby (and not tied to any subsequent event or condition, such as a termination of employment), including the employer portion of payroll taxes arising therefrom, (e) amounts owing or that may become owed, payable or otherwise due, directly or indirectly, by Dragonfly or any of its subsidiaries to any affiliate of Dragonfly or any of its subsidiaries in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including fees, costs and expenses related to the termination of any Affiliate Agreement (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement), and (f) any fees and expenses as a result of or in connection with the negotiation, documentation and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, in each case of clauses (a) through (f), solely to the extent such fees and expenses are incurred and unpaid as of the Closing. Dragonfly Transaction Expenses shall not include any fees and expenses of Dragonfly’s stockholders;

“*Earnout Consideration*” or “*Earnout Shares*” are to the additional 40,000,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock that may be issued to the Dragonfly stockholders;

“*Earnout Fully Diluted Shares*” are to the number of shares of Chardan common stock issued to holders of Dragonfly Conversion Shares at the Effective Time;

“*Effective Time*” are to the date and time at which the Merger becomes effective in accordance with the terms of the Business Combination Agreement, the DGCL and the NRS;

“*EIP*” are to EICF Agent LLC and shall include any affiliated funds of EICF which may provide the Term Loan;

“*Equity Facility*” are to the committed equity facility to be established with the Equity Facility Investor pursuant to the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation;

“*Equity Facility Commitment Shares*” are to the [•] shares of New Dragonfly common stock having a value of \$1 million determined based on the applicable trading price at the time of issuance that New Dragonfly will agree to issue to the Equity Facility Investor as consideration for its irrevocable commitment to

purchase the shares of New Dragonfly common stock upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation;

“Equity Facility Definitive Documentation” are to the purchase agreement and registration rights agreement to be entered into between Chardan and the Equity Facility Investor after the signing of the Business Combination Agreement and prior to the Closing Date pursuant to which, and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth therein, including the filing and effectiveness of a registration statement registering the resale by the Equity Facility Investor of the shares of New Dragonfly Common Stock issued to it under the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, New Dragonfly will have the right from time to time at its option to direct the Equity Facility Investor to purchase up to a specified maximum amount of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, up to a maximum aggregate purchase price of \$150,000,000 over the 36-month term of the Equity Facility;

“Equity Facility Investor” are to CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets;

“Equity Facility Letter Agreement” are to the letter agreement, together with the Summary of Indicative Terms attached as an exhibit thereto, entered into among Chardan, Dragonfly and the Equity Facility Investor on May 15, 2022, pursuant to which Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation to establish the Equity Facility prior to the Closing Date;

“Equity Financing” are to the private placement pursuant to which Chardan entered into the Subscription Agreement with the Sponsor whereby the Sponsor agreed to subscribe for 500,000 shares of Chardan common stock at a purchase price of \$10.00 per share for an aggregate purchase price of \$5 million. The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market provided such shares are not redeemed;

“Exchange Ratio” are to the quotient obtained by *dividing* the number of (a) Chardan common stock constituting the Aggregate Merger Consideration, *by* (b) Aggregate Fully Diluted Company Common Shares;

“Term Loan” are to the senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$75 million in connection with the Debt Commitment Letter;

“Term Loan Lenders” are to CCM Investments 5 LLC and EICF Agent LLC;

“Term Loan Lender Warrants” are to the Penny Warrants and the \$10 Warrants;

“Founder Shares” are to shares of Chardan common stock held by the Sponsor, Chardan’s directors, and affiliates of Chardan’s management team;

“Holdings” are to Chardan NexTech 2 Warrant Holdings LLC;

“Insiders” are to Chardan’s officers, directors, initial stockholders, and Chardan NexTech 2 Warrant Holdings LLC, an affiliate of the Sponsor;

“Investment Management Trust Agreement” are to the Investment Management Trust Agreement, dated as of August 10, 2021, by and between Chardan and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company;

“LFP batteries” are to lithium-ion batteries using lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO₄);

“Merger” are to the merger of Merger Sub with and into Dragonfly with Dragonfly being the surviving company in the merger;

“Merger Sub” are to Bronco Merger Sub, Inc., a Nevada corporation;

“Minimum Cash Balance After Fees” are to cash held by New Dragonfly after payment of Dragonfly Transaction Expenses and deferred underwriter and other fees from the Chardan IPO and receipt of proceeds of the PIPE Investment and the Term Loan;

“Nevada Dissenter’s Rights Statutes” are to NRS 92A.300 through 92A.500, inclusive;

“New Dragonfly” are to Chardan after the Business Combination;

“*NRS*” are to the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended;

“*our common stock*” are, prior to consummation of the Business Combination, to Chardan common stock, and, following consummation of the Business Combination, to the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of New Dragonfly;

“*Penny Warrants*” are to the warrants issued to the Term Loan Lenders exercisable to purchase for nominal consideration 3.6% of Chardan common stock on a fully-diluted basis;

“*PIPE Investment*” are to the private placement pursuant to which Chardan entered into the Subscription Agreement with the Sponsor whereby the Sponsor agreed to subscribe for 500,000 shares of Chardan common stock at a purchase price of \$10.00 per share for an aggregate purchase price of \$5 million. The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market provided such shares are not redeemed;

“*PIPE Investment Amount*” are to the aggregate gross purchase price received by the PIPE Investor pursuant to the PIPE Investment;

“*PIPE Investor*” are to Chardan Capital Markets;

“*PIPE Securities*” are to the newly issued shares of Chardan common stock to be sold to the PIPE Investor pursuant to the Subscription Agreement;

“*private placement warrants*” are to Chardan’s warrants issued to an affiliate of the Sponsor in a private placement simultaneously with the closing of the Chardan IPO;

“*proxy statement*” are to this proxy statement/prospectus;

“*public shares*” are to shares of Chardan common stock sold as part of the units in the Chardan IPO (whether they were purchased in the Chardan IPO or thereafter in the open market);

“*public stockholders*” are to the holders of Chardan’s public shares, including the Sponsor and Chardan’s officers and directors to the extent the Sponsor and Chardan’s officers or directors purchase public shares, provided that each of their status as a “public stockholder” shall only exist with respect to such public shares;

“*public warrants*” are to Chardan’s warrants sold as part of the units in the Chardan IPO (whether they were purchased in the Chardan IPO or thereafter in the open market);

“*Registration Rights Agreement*” are to the Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, to be dated the Closing Date, by and among New Dragonfly and the stockholders named therein;

“*Sponsor*” are to Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets;

“*Sponsor Support Agreement*” are to the Sponsor Support Agreement, dated May 15, 2022 by and among Chardan, Dragonfly and the Sponsor;

“*Subscription Agreement*” are to the common stock subscription agreement entered into by and between Chardan and the Sponsor, dated as of May 15, 2022 and entered into in connection with the PIPE Investment;

“*Surviving Corporation*” are to, at and after the Effective Time, Dragonfly, as the surviving corporation of the Merger;

“*Term Loan*” are to the \$75 million senior secured term loan in connection with the Debt Commitment Letter;

“*Trading Day*” are to any day on which shares of Chardan common stock are actually traded on the principal securities exchange or securities market on which shares of Chardan common stock are then traded;

“*Transfer Agent*” are to Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, Chardan’s transfer agent;

“*trust account*” are to the trust account of Chardan that holds the proceeds from the Chardan IPO;

“*VWAP*” are to, for any security as of any day or multi-day period, the dollar volume-weighted average price for such security on the principal securities exchange or securities market on which such security is then traded during the period beginning at 9:30:01 a.m., New York time on such day or the first day of such multi-day period (as applicable), and ending at 4:00:00 p.m., New York time on such day or the last day of such multi-day period (as applicable), as reported by Bloomberg through its “HP” function (set to weighted average) or, if the foregoing does not apply, the dollar volume-weighted average price of such security in the over-the-counter market on the electronic bulletin board for such security during the period beginning at 9:30:01 a.m., New York time on such day or the first day of such multi-day period (as applicable), and ending at 4:00:00 p.m., New York time on such day or the last day of such multi-day period (as applicable), as reported by Bloomberg, or, if no dollar volume-weighted average price is reported for such security by Bloomberg for such hours, the average of the highest closing bid price and the lowest closing ask price of any of the market makers for such security as reported by OTC Markets Group Inc. during such day or multi-day period (as applicable). If the VWAP cannot be calculated for such security for such day or multi-day period (as applicable) on any of the foregoing bases, the VWAP of such security shall be the fair market value per share at the end of such day or multi-day period (as applicable) as reasonably determined by the Board of Directors of Acquiror;

“*warrants*” are to the public warrants and the private placement warrants; and

“*Warrant Agreement*” are to the Warrant Agreement (as amended), dated as of August 10, 2021, by and between Chardan and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

SUMMARY OF THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE TRANSACTIONS

This summary term sheet, together with the sections entitled “*Questions and Answers About the Proposals*” and “*Summary of the Proxy Statement*,” summarizes certain information contained in this proxy statement, but does not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should carefully read this entire proxy statement, including the attached Annexes, for a more complete understanding of the matters to be considered at the special meeting. In addition, for definitions used commonly throughout this proxy statement, including this summary term sheet, please see the section entitled “*Frequently Used Terms*.”

- Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., a Delaware corporation, which we refer to as “*Chardan*,” “*we*,” “*us*” or “*our*,” is a special purpose acquisition company formed for the purpose of effecting a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses.
- On August 13, 2021, Chardan consummated its initial public offering of 11,000,000 units, with each unit consisting of one share of Chardan common stock and three-quarters of one warrant to purchase one share of Chardan common stock. On August 18, 2021, the underwriters fully exercised their over-allotment option and Chardan sold an additional 1,650,000 units. The units were sold at an offering price of \$10.00 per unit, generating gross proceeds of \$126,500,000. Simultaneously with the consummation of the Chardan IPO, Chardan consummated the private placement of 4,361,456 warrants at a price of \$0.93 per warrant, generating total proceeds of \$4,052,000. Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the underwriters’ over-allotment option, Chardan consummated the sale of an additional 266,402 private warrants at a purchase price of \$0.93 per private warrant in a private placement to Holdings, generating gross proceeds of \$247,500.
- Following the consummation of the Chardan IPO, \$128,397,500 was deposited into a U.S.-based trust account with Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company acting as trustee. Except as described in the prospectus for the Chardan IPO, these proceeds will not be released until the earlier of the completion of an initial business combination and Chardan’s redemption of 100% of the outstanding public shares upon its failure to consummate a business combination within the completion window.
- Dragonfly Energy Corp., a Nevada corporation, which we refer to as “*Dragonfly*,” is a manufacturer of non-toxic deep cycle lithium-ion batteries that caters to customers in the recreational vehicle, marine vessel and off-grid residence industries. See the sections entitled “*Information About Dragonfly*,” “*Dragonfly’s Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*” and “*Management of New Dragonfly After the Business Combination*.”
- On May 15, 2022, Chardan entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Dragonfly and Merger Sub, which, among other things, provides for Merger Sub to be merged with and into Dragonfly with Dragonfly being the surviving company in the Merger.
- Subject to the terms of the Business Combination Agreement, the aggregate consideration to be paid to equityholders of Dragonfly will be equal to the sum of (a) the Aggregate Merger Consideration plus (b) the Earnout Consideration, if any.
- Pursuant to the PIPE Investment, Chardan has agreed to issue and sell to the Sponsor, and the Sponsor has agreed to buy from Chardan, 500,000 shares of Chardan common stock at a purchase price of \$10.00 per share for an aggregate commitment of \$5 million. The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Subscription Agreement*” for additional information.
- Pursuant to the Debt Commitment Letter, the Term Loan Lenders have agreed to provide to Dragonfly the \$75 million Term Loan on the Closing Date, subject to the satisfaction of a number of specified conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. The Chardan Lender intends to backstop its commitment under the Debt Commitment Letter by entering into the Backstop Commitment Letter with the Backstop Lenders prior to the Closing Date.
- New Dragonfly will also issue to the Term Loan Lenders (but not the Chardan Lender in the event it has not backstopped its commitment pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter and transferred

all rights and obligations under the Debt Commitment Letter to the Backstop Lenders) the Penny Warrants, exercisable to purchase 3.6% of Dragonfly's common stock on a fully-diluted basis, and the \$10 Warrants, which are exercisable to purchase 1.6 million shares of Dragonfly's common stock at \$10 per share.

- Pursuant to the Equity Facility Letter Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation reflecting the terms in the Equity Facility Letter Agreement prior to the Closing Date. Under the terms of the Equity Facility, the Equity Facility Investor will commit to purchase up to an aggregate of \$150,000,000 in shares of New Dragonfly's common stock from time to time at the request of the New Dragonfly, subject to certain limitations and the satisfaction of certain conditions.
- It is anticipated that upon completion of the Business Combination and assuming no redemptions by Chardan public stockholders, Chardan's public stockholders (other than the PIPE Investor) will retain an ownership interest of approximately 23.2% of New Dragonfly, the PIPE Investor will own approximately 0.9% of New Dragonfly, the Term Loan Lenders will own approximately 2.8% of New Dragonfly assuming the exercise of all Penny Warrants, the Sponsor, officers, directors and other holders of Founder Shares will retain an ownership interest of approximately 5.8% of New Dragonfly, and the Dragonfly stockholders will own approximately 67.3% (excluding the 40,000,000 Earnout Shares) of New Dragonfly. These levels of ownership interest: (a) include the impact of the shares of Chardan common stock issuable upon exercise of the Penny Warrants due to their nominal exercise price but exclude the impact of the \$10 Warrants and shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Equity Facility after Closing, (b) assume that no Chardan public stockholder exercises redemption rights with respect to its shares for a pro rata portion of the funds in Chardan's trust account and (c) assume that no shares are issued pursuant to the Dragonfly Incentive Plan and the 2022 Plan.
- Chardan management and the Chardan Board considered various factors in determining whether to approve the Business Combination Agreement and the Business Combination contemplated thereby, including the Merger. For more information about the reasons that the Chardan Board considered in determining its recommendation, please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal*." When you consider the Chardan Board's recommendation of these proposals, you should keep in mind that our directors and officers have interests in the Business Combination that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of Chardan stockholders generally. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination*" for additional information. The Chardan Board was aware of and considered these interests, among other matters, in evaluating and negotiating the Business Combination and in recommending to the Chardan stockholders that they vote "FOR" the proposals presented at the special meeting.
- At the special meeting, Chardan's stockholders will be asked to consider and vote on the following proposals:
- a proposal to approve the Business Combination, including (a) adopting the Business Combination Agreement and (b) approving the other transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement and related agreements described in the accompanying proxy statement / prospectus. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal*";
 - a proposal to approve and adopt changes to the certificate of incorporation of Chardan reflected in the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Chardan in the form attached hereto as Annex B. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 2 — The Charter Proposal*";
 - a proposal to approve and adopt the 2022 Plan. A copy of the 2022 Plan is attached to the accompanying proxy statement / prospectus as Annex G. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 3 — The Incentive Plan Proposal*";
 - a proposal to approve, for purposes of complying with the applicable rules of the Nasdaq, the issuance of shares of Chardan's common stock in connection with the Business Combination, including, without limitation, the Aggregate Merger Consideration, the Earnout Shares, the PIPE Investment, the Term Loan Lender Warrants and the Equity Facility. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 4 — The Nasdaq Proposal*";

- a proposal to approve and adopt the ESPP, a copy of which is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex H, including the authorization of the initial share reserve under the ESPP. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 5 — The ESPP Proposal*”; and
- a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal or the ESPP Proposal. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 6 — The Adjournment Proposal*.”

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROPOSALS

The questions and answers below highlight only selected information from this proxy statement and only briefly address some commonly asked questions about the special meeting and the proposals to be presented at the special meeting, including with respect to the proposed business combination. The following questions and answers do not include all the information that is important to Chardan stockholders. Stockholders are urged to carefully read this entire proxy statement, including the Annexes and the other documents referred to herein, to fully understand the proposed business combination and the voting procedures for the special meeting.

Q: Why am I receiving this proxy statement?

A: Chardan and Dragonfly have agreed to a business combination under the terms of the Business Combination Agreement that is described in this proxy statement. A copy of the Business Combination Agreement is attached to this proxy statement as Annex A, and Chardan encourages its stockholders to read it in its entirety. Chardan's stockholders are being asked to consider and vote upon a proposal to adopt the Business Combination Agreement and approve the transactions contemplated thereby, which, among other things, includes provisions for Merger Sub to be merged with and into Dragonfly with Dragonfly being the surviving company in the Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Chardan. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal*."

This proxy statement and its Annexes contain important information about the proposed business combination and the other matters to be acted upon at the special meeting. You should read this proxy statement and its Annexes carefully and in their entirety.

Your vote is important. You are encouraged to submit your proxy as soon as possible after carefully reviewing this proxy statement and its Annexes.

Q: When and where is the special meeting?

A: The special meeting will be held on [•] at [•] Eastern Time at the offices of [•] located at [•]. In the interest of public health, and due to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19), the special meeting may also be held through a "virtual" or online method.

Q: What are the proposals on which I am being asked to vote at the special meeting?

A: The stockholders of Chardan will be asked to consider and vote on the following proposals at the special meeting:

1. a proposal to approve the Business Combination, including (a) adopting the Business Combination Agreement and (b) approving the other transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement and related agreements described in this proxy statement. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal*";
2. a proposal to approve and adopt changes to the certificate of incorporation of Chardan reflected in the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Chardan in the form attached hereto as Annex B. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 2 — The Charter Proposal*";
3. a proposal to approve and adopt the 2022 Plan. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 3 — The Incentive Plan Proposal*";
4. a proposal to approve, for purposes of complying with the applicable rules of the Nasdaq, the issuance of shares of Chardan's common stock in connection with the Business Combination, including, without limitation, the Aggregate Merger Consideration, the Earnout Shares, the PIPE Investment, the Term Loan Lender Warrants and the Equity Facility. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 4 — The Nasdaq Proposal*";
5. a proposal to approve and adopt the ESPP. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 5 — The ESPP Proposal*"; and
6. a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in

connection with, the approval of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal or the ESPP Proposal. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 6 — The Adjournment Proposal.*”

Chardan will hold the special meeting of its stockholders to consider and vote upon these proposals. This proxy statement contains important information about the proposed business combination and the other matters to be acted upon at the special meeting. Stockholders should read it carefully.

Consummation of the Business Combination is conditioned on the approval of each of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal and the ESPP Proposal. If any of those proposals are not approved, we will not consummate the Business Combination.

The vote of stockholders is important. Stockholders are encouraged to vote as soon as possible after carefully reviewing this proxy statement.

Q: How will the COVID-19 pandemic impact in-person voting at the special meeting?

A: We intend to hold the special meeting in person. However, we are sensitive to the public health and travel concerns our stockholders may have and recommendations that public health officials may issue in light of the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. As a result, we may impose additional procedures or limitations on meeting attendees or may decide to hold the meeting in a different location or solely by means of remote communication (i.e., a virtual-only meeting). We plan to announce any such updates on our proxy website [•], and we encourage you to check this website prior to the meeting if you plan to attend.

Q: Why is Chardan proposing the Business Combination?

A: Chardan was formed for the purpose of entering into a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, recapitalization, reorganization or other similar business combination with one or more businesses or entities.

On August 13, 2021, Chardan completed its initial public offering of units, with each unit consisting of one share of its Chardan common stock and three-quarters of one warrant to purchase one share of Chardan common stock at a price of \$11.50 per whole share.

Simultaneously with the closing of the Chardan IPO, Chardan NexTech 2 Warrant Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and an affiliate of the Sponsor (“*Holdings*”), purchased an aggregate of 4,361,456 private placement warrants at a price of \$0.93 per warrant (\$4,052,000 in the aggregate). Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the underwriters’ over-allotment option, Holdings purchased an additional 266,402 private placement warrants at a purchase price of \$0.93 per private placement warrant. Each private placement warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share.

On August 18, 2021, in connection with the underwriters’ election to fully exercise their over-allotment option, Chardan sold an additional 1,650,000 units. The units were sold at an offering price of \$10.00 per unit, generating gross proceeds of \$16,500,000. A total of \$16,747,500, comprised of the proceeds of the sale of the units and the private warrants, in connection with the underwriters full exercise of their over-allotment option, was placed in the trust account.

Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the over-allotment option, we consummated the sale of 266,402 warrants (the “*Over-Allotment Private Warrants*”) at a purchase price of \$0.93 per Over-Allotment Private Warrant in a private placement to Chardan NexTech 2 Warrant Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and an affiliate of the Sponsor, generating gross proceeds of \$247,500. Since the Chardan IPO, Chardan’s activity has been limited to the evaluation of business combination candidates.

Dragonfly is a manufacturer of non-toxic deep cycle lithium-ion batteries that caters to customers in the recreational vehicle (“*RV*”), marine vessel and off-grid residence industries, with disruptive solid-state cell technology currently under development. See the sections entitled “*Information About Dragonfly,*”

“Dragonfly’s Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Result of Operations” and “Management of New Dragonfly After The Business Combination”

The Chardan Board considered the results of the due diligence review of Dragonfly’s business, including its current prospects for growth in executing upon and achieving its business plan. As a result, Chardan believes that a business combination with Dragonfly will provide Chardan’s stockholders with an opportunity to participate in the ownership of a company with significant growth potential. Please see the section entitled *“Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — The Chardan Board’s Reasons for Approval of the Business Combination.”*

Q: Why is Chardan providing stockholders with the opportunity to vote on the Business Combination?

A: Under our current certificate of incorporation, we must provide all holders of public shares with the opportunity to have their public shares redeemed upon the consummation of our initial business combination either in conjunction with a tender offer or in conjunction with a stockholder vote. For business and other reasons, we have elected to provide our stockholders with the opportunity to have their public shares redeemed in connection with a stockholder vote rather than a tender offer. Therefore, we are seeking to obtain the approval of our stockholders of the Business Combination Proposal in order to allow our public stockholders to effectuate redemptions of their public shares in connection with the Closing.

Q: Why is Chardan proposing the Nasdaq Proposal?

A: We may issue up to an aggregate of [•] shares of Chardan common stock, representing up to [•]% of the shares of common stock outstanding on the date of this proxy statement, in connection with the Business Combination, including, without limitation, the Aggregate Merger Consideration, the Earnout Shares, the PIPE Investment, the Term Loan Lender Warrants and the Equity Facility. Nasdaq Listing Rule 5635(a) requires stockholder approval of certain transactions that result in the issuance of 20% or more of a company’s outstanding voting power or shares of common stock outstanding before the issuance of stock or securities. Because we may issue 20% or more of our outstanding voting power and outstanding common stock in connection with the Business Combination, we are required to obtain stockholder approval of such issuances pursuant to the Nasdaq Listing Rules. The Closing is conditioned on the approval of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal and the ESPP Proposal at the special meeting.

Q: What will happen in the Business Combination?

A: Pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, and upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein, Chardan will acquire Dragonfly in a transaction we refer to as the Business Combination. At the Closing, among other things, Merger Sub will merge with and into Dragonfly with Dragonfly being the surviving company in the Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Chardan. As a result of the Merger, at the Closing, Chardan will own 100% of the outstanding common stock of Dragonfly and each share of common stock of Dragonfly will have been cancelled and converted into the right to receive a portion of the Merger consideration.

Q: Following the Business Combination, will Chardan’s securities continue to trade on a stock exchange?

A: Yes. We intend to apply to continue the listing of New Dragonfly’s common stock and public warrants on Nasdaq. In connection with the Business Combination, Chardan will change its name to Dragonfly Energy Holdings Corp. and its common stock and warrants will begin trading on the Nasdaq under the symbols “DFLI” and “DFLIW”, respectively. As a result, our publicly traded units will separate into the component securities upon consummation of the Business Combination and will no longer trade as a separate security.

Q: How will the holders of Chardan’s units be impacted by the Business Combination?

A: As part of the Chardan IPO and the underwriters’ exercise of their over-allotment option, Chardan issued 12,650,000 units, each consisting of one share of common stock and three-quarters of one warrant to purchase one share of common stock, which currently trade on the Nasdaq under the symbol “CNTQU”. As of the consummation of the Business Combination, Chardan’s outstanding units will be

mandatorily separated into their component parts — one share of common stock and three-quarters of one warrant to purchase one share of common stock — and the units will cease trading. As a result, following the Business Combination each unitholder's account, in lieu of units, will reflect ownership of the number of shares of common stock and warrants underlying such holder's units. If any unitholder would, upon such separation, be entitled to receive a fractional interest in a warrant, the number of warrants the holder will be entitled to receive will be rounded down to the nearest whole number of warrants.

Q: How will the Business Combination impact the shares of Chardan outstanding after the Business Combination?

A: As a result of the Business Combination and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement and the related agreements, including, without limitation, the PIPE Investment, the amount of common stock outstanding will increase to [•] shares of Chardan common stock (assuming that no shares of Chardan common stock are elected to be redeemed by Chardan stockholders and excluding the Earnout Shares). Additional shares of New Dragonfly common stock may be issuable in the future as a result of the issuance of additional shares that are not currently outstanding, including issuance of shares of New Dragonfly common stock upon exercise of the warrants (including the Term Loan Lender Warrants), pursuant to the Equity Facility and options exercisable by the Dragonfly equityholders from time to time after the Business Combination. The issuance and sale of such shares in the public market could adversely impact the market price of Chardan common stock, even if its business is doing well. Pursuant to the 2022 Plan, a copy of which is attached to this proxy statement as Annex G, following the Closing and subject to the approval of the applicable award agreements by the board of directors of the post-combination entity, Chardan may grant a number of shares of Chardan common stock equal to [•]% of the outstanding shares of Chardan common stock determined on a fully diluted basis as of the Closing.

Q: Will the management of Dragonfly change in the Business Combination?

A: Upon consummation of the Business Combination it is expected that the current directors and officers of Dragonfly will continue as directors and officers of New Dragonfly.

Q: What are the interests of Chardan's directors and officers in the Business Combination?

A: In considering the recommendation of the Chardan Board to vote in favor of approval of the Business Combination Proposal and the other proposals, stockholders should keep in mind that the Sponsor and the Insiders have interests in such proposals that are different from, or in addition to, those of Chardan stockholders generally. In particular:

- None of Chardan's officers and directors is required to commit their full time to our affairs and, accordingly, they may have conflicts of interest in allocating their time among various business activities.
- Each of Chardan's officers and directors presently has, and any of them in the future may have additional, fiduciary or contractual obligations to another entity pursuant to which such officer or director is or will be required to present a business combination opportunity to such entity. We do not believe, however, that the pre-existing fiduciary duties or contractual obligations of our officers and directors will materially undermine our ability to complete the Business Combination, and such pre-existing fiduciary duties and contractual obligations did not materially affect our search for an acquisition target.
- Mr. Grossman is the Chief Executive Officer of, and Mr. Weil is Managing Director and Co-Head of Fintech Investment Banking of, Chardan Capital Markets, an affiliate of the Sponsor. Mr. Grossman, Mr. Weil and Mr. Propper are also members of the board of directors of Chardan Capital Markets. Mr. Grossman is also the managing member of Chardan International Investments, LLC, an affiliate of the Sponsor.
- It is anticipated that upon completion of the Business Combination and assuming no redemptions by Chardan public stockholders, the PIPE Investor will own approximately 0.9% of New Dragonfly, and the Sponsor, officers, directors and other affiliates and holders of Founder Shares will own

approximately 5.8% of New Dragonfly. These levels of ownership interest: (a) include the impact of the shares of Chardan common stock issuable upon exercise of the Penny Warrants due to their nominal exercise price but exclude the impact of the \$10 Warrants and shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Equity Facility after Closing, (b) assume that no Chardan public stockholder exercises redemption rights with respect to its shares for a pro rata portion of the funds in Chardan's trust account and (c) assume that no shares are issued pursuant to the Dragonfly Incentive Plan and the 2022 Plan.

- If the Business Combination or another business combination are not consummated by August 13, 2022 (unless this deadline is extended pursuant to Chardan's covenant to extend such deadline under the Business Combination Agreement and pursuant to the Chardan Organizational Documents), Chardan will cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, redeeming 100% of the outstanding public shares for cash and, subject to the approval of its remaining stockholders and the Chardan Board, dissolving and liquidating. In such event, the Private Warrants and all underlying securities held by the Sponsor and Insiders would be worthless because the holders thereof are not entitled to participate in any redemption or distribution with respect to such shares.
- On July 23, 2020, the Sponsor purchased 1,000,000 shares of common stock of Chardan for an aggregate purchase price of \$25,000. On March 4, 2021, Chardan effected a 2.875-for-1 stock split, resulting in 2,875,000 shares of common stock being held by the Sponsor. On August 10, 2021, Chardan effectuated a 1.1-for-1 stock split, resulting in an aggregate of 3,162,500 shares of common stock outstanding. On August 18, 2021, the underwriters' exercised the over-allotment option in full, thus the Founder Shares are no longer subject to forfeiture. Such shares had an aggregate market value of approximately \$31,814,750 based upon the closing price of \$10.06 per share on the Nasdaq on May 12, 2022. In May and June 2021, the Sponsor transferred 20,000 Founder Shares to each of Messrs. Biele, Boyle, Hardamon, Thakrar and Thomson and Ms. Jardins.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Marketing Agreement Chardan engaged Chardan Capital Markets, an affiliate of Chardan, as an advisor in connection with its business combination. Chardan Capital Markets will receive a cash fee for such services upon the consummation of the Merger in an amount equal to, in the aggregate, \$4,427,500, being 3.5% of the gross proceeds of the Chardan IPO. Chardan Capital Markets will also receive a cash fee of \$1,170,000 for other financial advisory services, including for advisory services provided with respect to placement of potential PIPE investments.
- Simultaneously with the closing of the Chardan IPO, Holdings purchased an aggregate of 4,361,456 private placement warrants at a price of \$0.93 per private placement warrant (\$4,052,000 in the aggregate). Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, Holdings purchased an additional 266,402 private placement warrants at a purchase price of \$0.93 per private placement warrant. Each private placement warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share. The proceeds from the private placement warrants were added to the proceeds from the Chardan IPO to be held in the Trust Account. The private placement warrants had an aggregate market value of \$677,770 based upon the closing price of approximately \$0.16 per share on the Nasdaq on May 12, 2022. The private placement warrants will become worthless if Chardan does not consummate a business combination by August 13, 2022 (unless this deadline is extended pursuant to Chardan's covenant to extend such deadline under the Business Combination Agreement and pursuant to the Chardan Organizational Documents).
- [•], current directors of Chardan, will become directors of New Dragonfly after the Closing. As such, in the future each may receive any cash fees, stock options or stock awards that the post-combination board of directors determines to pay to its executive and non-executive directors.
- If Chardan is unable to complete an initial business combination within the completion window, the Sponsor will be liable under certain circumstances to ensure that the proceeds in the trust account are not reduced by the claims of target businesses or claims of vendors or other entities that are owed money by Chardan for services rendered or contracted for or products sold to Chardan. If Chardan consummates an initial business combination, on the other hand, Chardan will be liable for all such claims.

- Chardan’s officers and directors and their affiliates are entitled to reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in connection with certain activities on Chardan’s behalf, such as identifying and investigating possible business targets and business combinations. However, if Chardan fails to consummate an initial business combination within the completion window, they will not have any claim against the trust account for reimbursement. Accordingly, Chardan may not be able to reimburse these expenses if the Business Combination or another initial business combination, is not completed within the completion window. As of May 15, 2022, the Sponsor and Chardan’s officers and directors and their respective affiliates had not incurred any such out-of-pocket expenses.
- The current directors and officers will continue to be indemnified and the liability insurance of the directors and officers will continue.
- In connection with the Business Combination, Chardan and the Sponsor, an affiliate of Chardan, entered into the Subscription Agreement, which provides for the Sponsor to purchase an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Chardan common stock upon the terms as set forth in the Subscription Agreement. The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market. For additional information, see the sections entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal—Related Agreements—Subscription Agreement*” and “*Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions — Chardan Related Party Transactions.*”
- In addition, pursuant to the Equity Facility Letter Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation reflecting the terms in the Equity Facility Letter Agreement prior to the Closing Date. Under the terms of the Equity Facility, the Equity Facility Investor will commit to purchase up to an aggregate of \$150,000,000 in shares of New Dragonfly’s common stock from time to time at the request of the New Dragonfly, subject to certain limitations and the satisfaction of certain conditions. The purchase price for the shares of New Dragonfly common stock that New Dragonfly elects to sell to the Equity Facility Investor will be determined by reference to the VWAP of such shares during the applicable purchase date, less a fixed 3.5% discount to such VWAP. In addition, New Dragonfly will agree to issue Equity Facility Commitment Shares having a value of \$1 million determined based on the applicable trading price at the time of issuance to the Equity Facility Investor as consideration for its irrevocable commitment to purchase the shares of New Dragonfly common stock upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation. For additional information, see the sections entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal—Related Agreements—Equity Facility Letter Agreement*” and “*Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions — Chardan Related Party Transactions.*”
- Pursuant to the Debt Commitment Letter, the Chardan Lender has agreed to provide 60% of the commitment with respect to the Term Loan on the Closing Date subject to the satisfaction of certain customary conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. The Chardan Lender intends to backstop its commitment under the Debt Commitment Letter by entering into the Backstop Commitment Letter with the Backstop Lenders prior to the Closing Date. The Chardan Lender is entitled to payment of fees in connection with the Term Loan pursuant to the fee letter entered into in connection with the Debt Commitment Letter, but intends for such fees to be paid to the Backstop Lenders on the Closing Date. For additional information, see the sections entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal—Related Agreements—Debt Commitment Letter*” and “*Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions — Chardan Related Party Transactions.*”
- Given the difference in the purchase price the Sponsor and our directors paid for the Founders Shares as compared to the price of the units sold in the Chardan IPO, the Sponsor and our directors may earn a positive rate of return on their investment even if New Dragonfly common stock trades below the price paid for the units in the Chardan IPO and the public stockholders experience a negative rate of return following the completion of the Business Combination.
- The Sponsor will benefit from the completion of a business combination and may be incentivized to complete an acquisition of a less favorable target company or on terms less favorable to the public stockholders rather than liquidating Chardan.

- The Sponsor and the initial stockholders, among others, will enter into the Registration Rights Agreement which will provide them with registration rights.

Q: What interests do Dragonfly’s current officers and directors have in the Business Combination?

A: Certain officers and directors of Dragonfly have interests in the Business Combination that are different from, or in addition to, those of Chardan stockholders generally. In particular:

- In connection with the Business Combination, based on the Minimum Cash Balance after Fees at closing, Mr. Denis Phares and Sean Nichols, Dragonfly’s co-founders and its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer, respectively, are each entitled to a transaction cash bonus. The bonus amount ranges from (i) 5% of the exercise proceeds from the exercise of Chardan’s public warrants (split evenly between them) to (ii) \$4,000,000 each. Assuming maximum redemptions and no redemptions of Chardan stock, respectively, Mr. Phares and Nichols would (i) receive a cash bonus tied to future public warrant exercises and (ii) \$4,000,000 each. See “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination.*”
- As an inducement to hire Mr. John Marchetti as Dragonfly’s Chief Financial Officer, Dragonfly loaned Mr. Marchetti \$350,000 to repay amounts owed by him to his former employer and entered into a related Promissory Note with a maturity of March 1, 2026.

Q: What equity stake will current stockholders of Chardan and Dragonfly hold in the New Dragonfly after the closing?

A: It is anticipated that upon completion of the Business Combination and assuming no redemptions by Chardan public stockholders, Chardan’s public stockholders (other than the PIPE Investor) will retain an ownership interest of approximately 23.2% of New Dragonfly, the PIPE Investor will own approximately 0.9% of New Dragonfly, the Term Loan Lenders will own approximately 2.8% of New Dragonfly assuming the exercise of all Penny Warrants, the Sponsor, officers, directors and other holders of Founder Shares will retain an ownership interest of approximately 5.8% of New Dragonfly, and the Dragonfly stockholders will own approximately 67.3% (excluding the 40,000,000 Earnout Shares) of New Dragonfly. These levels of ownership interest: (a) include the impact of the shares of Chardan common stock issuable upon exercise of the Penny Warrants due to their nominal exercise price but exclude the impact of the \$10 Warrants and shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Equity Facility after Closing, (b) assume that no Chardan public stockholder exercises redemption rights with respect to its shares for a pro rata portion of the funds in Chardan’s trust account and (c) assume that no shares are issued pursuant to the Dragonfly Incentive Plan and the 2022 Plan.

The ownership percentage with respect to New Dragonfly does not take into account (i) the redemption of any public common stock by the Chardan public stockholders or (ii) the issuance of any additional shares upon the closing of the Business Combination under the 2022 Plan. If the actual facts are different from these assumptions (which they are likely to be), the percentage ownership retained by the Chardan stockholders will be different. For more information, please see the sections entitled “*Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information*” and “*Proposal No. 3 — The Incentive Plan Proposal.*”

The following table shows all possible sources and the extent of dilution, pursuant to the exercise and conversion of Public and Private Warrants, Dragonfly Options, Penny Warrants, and \$10 Warrants, that our shareholders who elect not to redeem their shares may experience in connection with the Business Combination, assuming no redemption and maximum redemption scenarios:

	No Redemptions ⁽¹⁾		10% Redemption ⁽²⁾		50% Redemption ⁽³⁾		75% Redemption ⁽⁴⁾		Maximum Redemption ⁽⁵⁾	
		%		%		%		%		%
Dragonfly existing shareholders ⁽⁶⁾	80,774,014	70.7%	80,774,014	71.4%	80,774,014	74.8%	80,774,014	77.0%	80,774,014	79.4%
Chardan existing public stockholders ⁽⁷⁾	22,137,500	19.4%	20,872,500	18.5%	15,812,500	14.6%	12,650,000	12.1%	9,487,500	9.3%
Initial Stockholders ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	7,790,358	6.8%	7,790,358	6.9%	7,790,358	7.2%	7,790,358	7.4%	7,790,358	7.7%
PIPE Investor ⁽¹⁰⁾	500,000	0.4%	500,000	0.4%	500,000	0.5%	500,000	0.5%	500,000	0.5%
Term Loan Lender ⁽¹¹⁾	3,136,367	2.7%	3,136,367	2.8%	3,136,367	2.9%	3,136,367	3.0%	3,136,367	3.1%

	No Redemptions ⁽¹⁾	%	10% Redemption ⁽²⁾	%	50% Redemption ⁽³⁾	%	75% Redemption ⁽⁴⁾	%	Maximum Redemption ⁽⁵⁾	%
Pro forma fully diluted Common Stock at December 31, 2021⁽¹²⁾	114,338,239	100.0%	113,073,239	100.0%	108,013,239	100.0%	104,850,739	100.0%	101,688,239	100.0%

- (1) Assumes that no Chardan public stockholders are redeemed.
- (2) Assumes that 1,265,000 Chardan public shares are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$12,842,122, assuming a \$10.15 per share redemption price and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.
- (3) Assumes that 6,325,000 Chardan public shares are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$64,210,608, assuming a \$10.15 per share redemption price and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.
- (4) Assumes that 9,487,500 Chardan public shares are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$96,315,911, assuming a \$10.15 per share redemption price and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.
- (5) Assumes that 12,650,000 Chardan public shares are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$128,421,215, assuming a \$10.15 per share redemption price and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.
- (6) Includes 40,000,000 Earnout Shares payable in three tranches subject to achievement of specified financial information milestones for 2023 or post-Closing trading price milestones for New Dragonfly common stock.
- (7) Includes 9,487,500 Public Warrants.
- (8) Includes 3,162,500 outstanding founder shares and 4,627,858 Private Warrants.
- (9) Total of 3,162,500 outstanding founder shares includes 3,052,500 founder shares held by the Sponsor, and 110,000 founder shares held by officers and directors of Chardan. Please see the section titled “Beneficial Ownership of Securities.”
- (10) Assumes the sale of an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Chardan Common Stock, for a purchase price of \$10.00 per share and an aggregate purchase price of \$5,000,000.
- (11) Assumes the exercise and conversion of the Penny Warrants and the \$10 Warrants into common stock.
- (12) Excludes shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Equity Facility after Closing.

The following table illustrates estimated ownership levels in New Dragonfly, immediately following the consummation of the Business Combination, based on the varying levels of redemptions by Chardan public stockholders and the following additional assumptions and the potential impact of redemptions on the value, on a per-share basis, of the shares owned by non-redeeming Chardan public stockholders across varying levels of redemptions:

	No Redemptions ⁽¹⁾		10% Redemption ⁽²⁾		50% Redemption ⁽³⁾		75% Redemption ⁽⁴⁾		Maximum Redemption ⁽⁵⁾	
	Shares	Value Per Share ⁽⁶⁾	Shares	Value Per Share ⁽⁶⁾	Shares	Value Per Share ⁽⁶⁾	Shares	Value Per Share ⁽⁶⁾	Shares	Value Per Share ⁽⁶⁾
Base Scenario ⁽⁷⁾	54,547,533	\$10.15	53,282,533	\$10.15	48,222,533	\$10.15	45,060,033	\$10.15	41,897,533	\$10.15
Exercising Public Warrants ⁽⁸⁾⁽¹³⁾	64,035,033	\$ 8.65	62,770,033	\$ 8.62	57,710,033	\$ 8.48	54,547,533	\$ 8.38	51,385,033	\$ 8.28
Exercising Private Warrants ⁽⁹⁾⁽¹³⁾	59,175,391	\$ 9.36	57,910,391	\$ 9.34	52,850,391	\$ 9.26	49,687,891	\$ 9.20	46,525,391	\$ 9.14
Exercising \$10 Warrants ⁽¹⁰⁾⁽¹³⁾	56,147,533	\$ 9.86	54,882,533	\$ 9.85	49,822,533	\$ 9.82	46,660,033	\$ 9.80	43,497,533	\$ 9.78
Exercising Dragonfly options ⁽¹¹⁾⁽¹³⁾	58,622,881	\$ 9.44	57,357,881	\$ 9.43	52,297,881	\$ 9.36	49,135,381	\$ 9.31	45,972,881	\$ 9.25

	No Redemptions ⁽¹⁾		10% Redemption ⁽²⁾		50% Redemption ⁽³⁾		75% Redemption ⁽⁴⁾		Maximum Redemption ⁽⁵⁾	
	Shares	Value Per Share ⁽⁶⁾	Shares	Value Per Share ⁽⁶⁾	Shares	Value Per Share ⁽⁶⁾	Shares	Value Per Share ⁽⁶⁾	Shares	Value Per Share ⁽⁶⁾
Exercising Public, Private, and \$10 Warrants and Dragonfly options ⁽¹²⁾⁽¹³⁾	74,338,239	\$ 7.45	73,073,239	\$ 7.40	68,013,239	\$ 7.20	64,850,739	\$ 7.05	61,688,239	\$ 6.89

- (1) Assumes that no Chardan common stock is redeemed.
- (2) Assumes that 1,265,000 shares of Chardan common stock are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$12,842,122, assuming an approximate per share redemption price of \$10.15 and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.
- (3) Assumes that 6,325,000 shares of Chardan common stock are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$64,210,608, assuming an approximate per share redemption price of \$10.15 and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.
- (4) Assumes that 9,487,500 shares of Chardan common stock are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$96,315,911, assuming an approximate per share redemption price of \$10.15 and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.
- (5) Assumes that 12,650,000 shares of Chardan common stock are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$128,421,215, assuming an approximate per share redemption price of \$10.15 and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.
- (6) Based on a post-transaction equity value of approximately \$538.1 million, \$525.2 million, \$473.9 million, \$441.8 million and \$409.7 million under the No Redemptions, 10% Redemption, 50% Redemption, 75% Redemption, and Maximum Redemption scenarios, respectively.
- (7) Represents the post-Closing share ownership assuming various levels of redemption by CNTQ public stockholders, including the full exercise of the Penny Warrants.
- (8) Represents the Base Scenario plus the full exercise of the 9,487,500 Public Warrants.
- (9) Represents the Base Scenario plus the full exercise of the 4,627,858 Private Warrants.
- (10) Represents the Base Scenario plus the full exercise of the 1,600,000 \$10 Warrants.
- (11) Represents the Base Scenario plus the full exercise of the 4,075,348 Dragonfly options.
- (12) Represents the Base Scenario plus the full exercise of the 9,487,500 Public Warrants, 4,627,858 Private Warrants, 1,600,000 \$10 Warrants, and 4,075,348 Dragonfly options.
- (13) Analysis does not account for exercise prices to be paid in connection with the exercise of warrants or options.

Q: Will Chardan obtain new financing in connection with the Business Combination?

A: Yes. Chardan has entered into the Subscription Agreement, under which it agreed to issue and sell to the Sponsor, and the Sponsor has agreed to buy from Chardan, 500,000 shares of Chardan common stock at a purchase price of \$10.00 per share for an aggregate commitment of \$5 million. The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Subscription Agreement*” for additional information. Chardan and Dragonfly have also entered into the Debt Commitment Letter, pursuant to which the Facility Lenders have agreed to provide Dragonfly the \$75 million Term Loan. The Facility Lenders’ obligations to provide such financing are subject to a number of specified conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. In addition, pursuant to the Equity Facility Letter Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation reflecting the terms in the Equity Facility Letter Agreement prior to the Closing Date. Under the terms of the Equity Facility, the Equity Facility Investor will commit to purchase up to an aggregate of \$150,000,000 in shares of New Dragonfly’s common stock from time to

time at the request of the New Dragonfly, subject to certain limitations and the satisfaction of certain conditions. For more information, please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Equity Facility Letter Agreement.*”

Q: What conditions must be satisfied to complete the Business Combination?

A: There are a number of closing conditions in the Business Combination Agreement, including the approval by the Chardan stockholders of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal and the ESPP Proposal. For a summary of the conditions that must be satisfied or waived prior to completion of the Business Combination, please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — The Business Combination Agreement.*”

Q: What happens if I sell my shares of Chardan common stock before the special meeting?

A: The record date for the special meeting is earlier than the date that the Business Combination is expected to be completed. If you transfer your shares of Chardan common stock after the record date, but before the special meeting, unless the transferee obtains from you a proxy to vote those shares, you will retain your right to vote at the special meeting. However, you will not be able to seek redemption of your shares of Chardan common stock because you will no longer be able to deliver them for cancellation upon consummation of the Business Combination. If you transfer your shares of Chardan common stock prior to the record date, you will have no right to vote those shares at the special meeting or redeem those shares for a pro rata portion of the proceeds held in our trust account.

Q: What constitutes a quorum at the special meeting?

A: A majority of the voting power of all issued and outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote as of the record date at the special meeting must be present in person, via the virtual meeting platform, or represented by proxy, at the special meeting to constitute a quorum and in order to conduct business at the special meeting. Abstentions will be counted as present for the purpose of determining a quorum. As of the record date for the special meeting, [7,906,251] shares of our common stock would be required to be present at the special meeting to achieve a quorum.

Q: What vote is required to approve the proposals presented at the special meeting?

A: The approval of each of the Business Combination Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal, the ESPP Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of the majority of Chardan’s shares of common stock present at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is established, a Chardan stockholder’s failure to vote by proxy or to vote at the special meeting with regard to Business Combination Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal, the ESPP Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” such proposals.

The approval of the Charter Proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of Chardan’s outstanding shares of common stock. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is established, a Chardan stockholder’s failure to vote by proxy or to vote at the special meeting with regard to the Charter Proposal will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” such proposal.

Q: How many votes do I have at the special meeting?

A: Our stockholders are entitled to one vote on each proposal presented at the special meeting for each share of common stock held of record as of [•], the record date for the special meeting. As of the close of business on the record date, there were [15,812,500] outstanding shares of Chardan common stock.

Q: Did the Chardan Board obtain a third-party valuation or fairness opinion in determining whether or not to proceed with the Business Combination?

A: Chardan retained Duff & Phelps as its financial advisor in connection with the Business Combination. In connection with this engagement, the Chardan Board requested that Duff & Phelps evaluate the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the consideration to be paid by Chardan to the Dragonfly shareholders. Duff & Phelps delivered a written fairness opinion to the Chardan Board dated May 13, 2022, in which it concluded that, as of such date and based upon and subject to the assumptions made, scope of analysis

considered, matters evaluated and other qualifications and limitations set forth therein, the consideration to be paid by Chardan to the Dragonfly shareholders was fair to Chardan, from a financial point of view. See the section of this proxy statement/prospectus entitled “*Fairness Opinion of Duff & Phelps.*”

Q: Do I have redemption rights?

- A: If you are a holder of public shares, you have the right to demand that Chardan redeem such shares for a pro rata portion of the cash held in Chardan’s trust account. We sometimes refer to these rights to demand redemption of the public shares as “*redemption rights.*”

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a holder of public shares, together with any of its affiliates or any other person with whom such holder is acting in concert or as a “group” (as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) will be restricted from seeking redemption with respect to more than 20% of the public shares. Accordingly, all public shares in excess of 20% held by a public stockholder, together with any affiliate of such holder or any other person with whom such holder is acting in concert or as a “group,” will not be redeemed.

Under Chardan’s current certificate of incorporation, the Business Combination may be consummated only if Chardan has at least \$5,000,001 of net tangible assets after giving effect to all holders of public shares that properly demand redemption of their shares for cash.

Q: How do I exercise my redemption rights?

- A: If you are a holder of public shares and wish to exercise your redemption rights, you must demand that Chardan redeem your shares in cash no later than the second business day preceding the vote on the Business Combination Proposal by delivering your stock to the Transfer Agent physically or electronically using the Depository Trust Company’s DWAC (Deposit and Withdrawal at Custodian) system prior to the vote at the special meeting. Any holder of public shares will be entitled to demand that such holder’s shares be redeemed for a full pro rata portion of the amount then in the trust account (which, for illustrative purposes, was approximately \$[128,397,500], or approximately \$[10.15] per share, as of [•]). Such amount, less any owed but unpaid taxes on the funds in the trust account, will be paid promptly upon consummation of the Business Combination. However, under Delaware law, the proceeds held in the trust account could be subject to claims which could take priority over those of Chardan’s public stockholders exercising redemption rights, regardless of whether such holders vote for or against the Business Combination Proposal. Therefore, the per-share distribution from the trust account in such a situation may be less than originally anticipated due to such claims. Your vote on any proposal other than the Business Combination Proposal will have no impact on the amount you will receive upon exercise of your redemption rights.

Any request for redemption, once made by a holder of public shares, may be withdrawn at any time up to the time the vote is taken with respect to the Business Combination Proposal at the special meeting. If you deliver your shares for redemption to the Transfer Agent and later decide prior to the special meeting not to elect redemption, you may request that the Transfer Agent return the shares (physically or electronically). You may make such request by contacting the Transfer Agent at the address listed at the end of this section.

Any corrected or changed proxy card or written demand of redemption rights must be received by the Transfer Agent prior to the vote taken on the Business Combination Proposal at the special meeting. No demand for redemption will be honored unless the holder’s stock has been delivered (either physically or electronically) to the transfer agent prior to the vote at the special meeting.

If a holder of public shares properly demands their shares be redeemed as described above, then, if the Business Combination is consummated, Chardan will redeem these shares for a pro rata portion of funds deposited in the trust account. If you exercise your redemption rights, then you will be exchanging your shares of Chardan common stock for cash.

Q: Do I have appraisal rights if I object to the proposed business combination?

- A: Neither Chardan stockholders nor its unit or warrant holders, solely in their capacity as unit or warrant holders, have appraisal rights in connection with the Business Combination under the DGCL.

Please see the section entitled “*Appraisal Rights and Dissenter’s Rights*” for additional information.

Q: What happens to the funds deposited in the trust account after consummation of the Business Combination?

A: The net proceeds of the Chardan IPO and its related transactions (including the exercise of the underwriters’ overallotment option and the sale of private warrants to the Sponsor affiliate), a total of \$[128,397,500], were placed in the trust account immediately following the Chardan IPO and such related transactions. A portion of the funds in the trust account may be used to pay holders of the public shares who exercise redemption rights prior to the consummation of the Business Combination. After the consummation of the Business Combination, the funds in the trust account will be released to the Company and used to pay fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Business Combination and for working capital purposes of New Dragonfly.

Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination — Sources and Uses for the Business Combination*” for additional information.

Q: What happens if a substantial number of public stockholders vote in favor of the Business Combination Proposal and exercise their redemption rights?

A: Chardan’s public stockholders may vote in favor of the Business Combination Proposal and still exercise their redemption rights. Accordingly, the Business Combination may be consummated even though the funds available from the trust account and the number of public stockholders are substantially reduced as a result of redemptions by public stockholders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, under Chardan’s current certificate of incorporation, the Business Combination may be consummated only if Chardan has at least \$5,000,001 of net tangible assets after giving effect to all redemptions by holders of public shares that properly demand redemption of their shares for cash.

Q: What happens if the Business Combination is not consummated?

A: If Chardan does not complete the Business Combination with Dragonfly for whatever reason, Chardan would search for another target business with which to complete an initial business combination. If Chardan does not complete a business combination with Dragonfly or another target business by August 13, 2022, or as extended by the Insiders up to two times by an additional three months each time (to February 13, 2023 for a total of up to 18 months to complete a business combination), Chardan must redeem 100% of the outstanding public shares, at a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to (a) the aggregate amount then on deposit in the trust account, including interest earned and not previously released to us for Chardan’s working capital requirements as well as to pay Chardan’s taxes, divided by (b) the number of then-outstanding public shares, subject to applicable law and certain conditions. The Sponsor and the Insiders have no redemption rights in the event an initial business combination is not effected in the completion window and, accordingly, their Founder Shares will be worthless. Additionally, in the event of such liquidation, there will be no distribution with respect to Chardan’s outstanding warrants. Accordingly, the warrants will be worthless.

Q: How do the Sponsor and Insiders intend to vote on the proposals?

A: The Sponsor and the Insiders collectively own of record and are entitled to vote an aggregate of approximately [20%] of the outstanding shares of Chardan common stock as of the record date. The Sponsor and the Insiders have agreed to vote any Founder Shares and any public shares held by them as of the record date in favor of the Business Combination. The Sponsor and Insiders may have interests in the Business Combination that may conflict with your interests as a stockholder. See the sections entitled “*Summary of the Proxy Statement — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination*” and “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination*” for additional information.

Q: When do you expect the Business Combination to be completed?

A: It is currently anticipated that the Business Combination will be consummated promptly following the special meeting which is set for [•], subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions; however, such meeting could be postponed or adjourned, as described above. For a description of the conditions

to the completion of the Business Combination, please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — The Business Combination Agreement — Conditions to the Closing.*”

Q: What do I need to do now?

A: Chardan urges you to read carefully and consider the information contained in this proxy statement, including the Annexes, and to consider how the Business Combination will affect you as a stockholder, unit holder and/or warrant holder of Chardan. Stockholders should then vote as soon as possible in accordance with the instructions provided in this proxy statement and on the enclosed proxy card, or, if you hold your shares through a brokerage firm, bank or other nominee, on the voting instruction form provided by the broker, bank or other nominee.

Q: How do I vote?

A: The special meeting will be held at [•] Eastern Time, on [•], at the offices of [•] located at [•].

If you are a holder of record of Chardan common stock on [•], the record date for the meeting, you may vote at the special meeting in person or by submitting a proxy for the special meeting. You may submit your proxy by completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the accompanying pre-addressed, postage paid envelope. If you hold your shares in “street name,” which means your shares are held of record by a broker, bank or nominee, you should contact your broker to ensure that votes related to the shares you beneficially own are properly counted. In this regard, you must provide the broker, bank or nominee with instructions on how to vote your shares or, if you wish to attend the meeting and vote, obtain a proxy from your broker, bank or nominee.

Q: If I am not going to attend the special meeting virtually, should I submit my proxy card instead?

A: Yes. Whether you plan to attend the special meeting or not, please read the enclosed proxy statement carefully, and vote your shares by completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided.

Q: If my shares are held in “street name,” will my broker, bank or nominee automatically vote my shares for me?

A: No. Under the rules of various national and regional securities exchanges, your broker, bank or nominee cannot vote your shares with respect to non-routine matters unless you provide instructions on how to vote in accordance with the information and procedures provided to you by your broker, bank or nominee. We believe the proposals presented to the stockholders at the special meeting will be considered non-routine and, therefore, your broker, bank or nominee cannot vote your shares without your instruction on any of the proposals presented at the special meeting. If you do not provide instructions with your proxy, your broker, bank or other nominee may deliver a proxy card expressly indicating that it is NOT voting your shares; this indication that a broker, bank or nominee is not voting your shares is referred to as a “broker non-vote.” Broker non-votes will not be counted for the purposes of determining the existence of a quorum or for purposes of determining the number of votes cast at the special meeting. Your bank, broker or other nominee can vote your shares only if you provide instructions on how to vote. You should instruct your broker to vote your shares in accordance with directions you provide.

Q: How will a broker non-vote impact the results of each proposal?

A: Broker non-votes will count as a vote “AGAINST” the Charter Proposal but will not have any effect on the outcome of any other proposals.

Q: May I change my vote after I have mailed my signed proxy card?

A: Yes. Stockholders of record may send a later-dated, signed proxy card to the Transfer Agent at the address set forth at the end of this section so that it is received prior to the vote at the special meeting or attend the special meeting and vote. Stockholders also may revoke their proxy by sending a notice of revocation to the Transfer Agent, which must be received prior to the vote at the special meeting.

Q: What happens if I fail to take any action with respect to the special meeting?

A: If you fail to take any action with respect to the special meeting and the Business Combination is approved by stockholders, the Business Combination will be consummated in accordance with the terms of the Business Combination Agreement. If you fail to take any action with respect to the special meeting and the Business Combination is not approved, we will not consummate the Business Combination.

Q: What will happen if I sign and return my proxy card without indicating how I wish to vote?

A: Signed and dated proxies received by us without an indication of how the stockholder intends to vote on a proposal will be voted “FOR” each proposal presented to the stockholders. The proxyholders may use their discretion to vote on any other matters which properly come before the special meeting.

Q: What should I do if I receive more than one set of voting materials?

A: Stockholders may receive more than one set of voting materials, including multiple copies of this proxy statement and multiple proxy cards or voting instruction cards. For example, if you hold your shares in more than one brokerage account, you will receive a separate voting instruction card for each brokerage account in which you hold shares. If you are a holder of record and your shares are registered in more than one name, you will receive more than one proxy card. Please complete, sign, date and return each proxy card and voting instruction card that you receive in order to cast a vote with respect to all of your Chardan common stock.

Q: Who can help answer my questions?

A: If you have questions about the Business Combination or if you need additional copies of the proxy statement or the enclosed proxy card you should contact:

Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.
17 State Street, 21st Floor
New York, NY 10004
Tel: (646) 465-9001

You may also contact the proxy solicitor for Chardan at:

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To obtain timely delivery, our stockholders must request any additional materials no later than five business days prior to the special meeting. You may also obtain additional information about Chardan from documents filed with the SEC by following the instructions in the section entitled “*Where You Can Find More Information.*” If you are a holder of public shares and you intend to seek redemption of your public shares, you will need to deliver your stock (either physically or electronically) to the Transfer Agent at the address below no later than the second business day prior to the originally scheduled date of the special meeting. See the section entitled “*Special Meeting of Chardan Stockholders — Redemption Rights.*”

If you have questions regarding the certification of your position or delivery of your stock, please contact:

Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company
1 State Street 30th Floor
New York, New York 10004
Attention: Mark Zimkind
Email: mzimkind@continentalstock.com

Q: Who will solicit and pay the cost of soliciting proxies?

A: The Chardan Board is soliciting your proxy to vote your shares of Chardan common stock on all matters scheduled to come before the special meeting. We will pay the cost of soliciting proxies for the special meeting. [We have engaged [•] to assist in the solicitation of proxies for the special meeting. We will pay [•] a fee of \$[•]. We will reimburse [•] for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and will indemnify [•] and its affiliates against certain claims, liabilities, losses, damages and expenses.] We will also reimburse banks, brokers and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries representing beneficial owners of shares of Chardan common stock for their expenses in forwarding soliciting materials to beneficial owners of

Chardan common stock and in obtaining voting instructions from those owners. Our directors, officers and employees may also solicit proxies by telephone, by facsimile, by mail, on the Internet or in person. They will not be paid any additional amounts for soliciting proxies.

Q: What are the U.S. federal income tax consequences of exercising my redemption rights?

- A: It is expected that a holder of public shares that exercises its redemption rights to receive cash from the trust account in exchange for public shares will generally be treated as selling such public shares. There may be certain circumstances, however, in which the redemption may be treated as a distribution for U.S. federal income tax purposes, depending on the amount of public shares that such holder owns or is deemed to own (including through the ownership of warrants). For a more complete discussion of U.S. federal income tax considerations of an exercise of redemption rights, see the section entitled “*U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations*.”

SUMMARY OF THE PROXY STATEMENT

This summary highlights selected information from this proxy statement and does not contain all of the information that is important to you. To better understand the proposals to be submitted for a vote at the special meeting, including the Business Combination Proposal, you should read this entire document carefully, including the Annexes and other documents referred to herein. The Business Combination Agreement is the legal document that governs the Business Combination. It is also described in detail in this proxy statement in the section entitled “Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Business Combination Agreement.”

Unless otherwise specified, all share calculations (a) exclude the impact of the shares of Chardan common stock underlying warrants, (b) assume that no Chardan public stockholder exercises redemption rights with respect to its shares for a pro rata portion of the funds in Chardan’s trust account and (c) assume that no shares are issued pursuant to the 2022 Plan.

The Parties

Chardan

Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. is a blank check company formed under the laws of Delaware on June 23, 2020. Chardan was formed for the purpose of effecting a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses.

On August 13, 2021, Chardan closed its initial public offering of 11,000,000 units, with each unit consisting of one share of its common stock and three-quarters of one warrant to purchase one share of its common stock at a purchase price of \$11.50 per share, subject to adjustment as provided in Chardan’s final prospectus filed with the SEC on August 5, 2021 (File No. 333-254010). On August 18, 2021, the underwriters fully exercised their over-allotment option and purchased 1,650,000 additional units. At \$10.00 per unit, the units from the Chardan IPO and exercise of the underwriters’ over-allotment option generated total gross proceeds of \$126,500,000.

Simultaneously with the consummation of the Chardan IPO, Chardan consummated the private sale of 4,361,456 warrants at \$0.93 per warrant for an aggregate purchase price of \$4,052,000. Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the underwriters’ over-allotment option, Chardan consummated the sale of an additional 266,402 private warrants at a purchase price of \$0.93 per private warrant in a private placement to Holdings, generating gross proceeds of \$247,500. A total of \$128,397,500 was deposited into the trust account and the remaining net proceeds became available to be used as working capital to provide for business, legal and accounting due diligence on prospective business combinations and continuing general and administrative expenses. The Chardan IPO was conducted pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 that became effective on August 10, 2021. As of March 31, 2022, there was approximately \$128,437,281 held in the trust account.

Chardan’s units, common stock and warrants are listed on the Nasdaq under the symbols “CNTQU,” “CNTQ” and “CNTQW,” respectively.

The mailing address of Chardan’s principal executive office is 17 State Street, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10004. Its telephone number is (646) 465-9000. After the consummation of the Business Combination, its principal executive office will be that of Dragonfly.

Merger Sub

Merger Sub is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chardan formed solely for the purpose of effectuating the Merger described herein (“*Merger Sub*”). Merger Sub was incorporated under the laws of Nevada as a corporation on May 10, 2022. Merger Sub owns no material assets and does not operate any business.

The mailing address of Merger Sub’s principal executive office is 17 State Street, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10004. Its telephone number is (646) 465-9000. After the consummation of the Business Combination, Merger Sub will cease to exist as a separate legal entity.

Dragonfly

Dragonfly, which was originally formed on October 15, 2012 as Dragonfly Energy LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, converted into a Nevada corporation by filing articles of conversion and articles of incorporation under the laws of Nevada on April 11, 2016. Dragonfly is based in Reno, Nevada and is a manufacturer of non-toxic deep cycle lithium-ion batteries that caters to customers in the recreational vehicle (“RV”), marine vessel and off-grid residence industries, with disruptive solid-state cell technology currently under development. Dragonfly believes that green energy is more than just a trend. Dragonfly’s goal is to develop technology to deliver environmentally impactful solutions for energy storage to everyone globally. Dragonfly believes that the innovative design of our lithium-ion batteries is ideally suited for the demands of modern customers who rely on consumer electronics, connected devices and smart appliances that require continuous, reliable electricity, regardless of location. Dragonfly has a dual-brand strategy, Dragonfly Energy (“*Dragonfly Energy*”) and Battle Born Batteries (“*Battle Born*”). Battle Born branded products are primarily sold direct to consumers, while the Dragonfly Energy brand is primarily sold to original equipment manufacturers (“*OEMs*”). Dragonfly’s principal executive office is 1190 Trademark Dr. #108, Reno, Nevada 89521. Its telephone number is (775) 622-3448.

Emerging Growth Company

Chardan is an “emerging growth company,” as defined in Section 2(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the “*Securities Act*”), as modified by the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the “*JOBS Act*”). As such, it is eligible to take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not “emerging growth companies,” including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “*Sarbanes-Oxley Act*”), reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in its periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements of holding a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. If some investors find Chardan’s securities less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for Chardan’s securities and the prices of its securities may be more volatile or otherwise impacted.

New Dragonfly could remain an emerging growth company until the last day of the fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the completion of the Chardan IPO. However, if (a) New Dragonfly’s total annual gross revenue exceed \$1.07 billion, (b) New Dragonfly is deemed to be a large accelerated filer, which means the market value of New Dragonfly common stock that is held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700.0 million as of the end of the prior fiscal year’s second fiscal quarter, or (c) New Dragonfly’s non-convertible debt issued within a three-year period exceeds \$1.0 billion, New Dragonfly would cease to be an emerging growth company as of the following fiscal year. References herein to “emerging growth company” shall have the meaning associated with it in the JOBS Act.

The Business Combination Proposal

As discussed elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, Chardan is asking its stockholders to approve the Business Combination Agreement, pursuant to which, among other things, on the Closing Date, Merger Sub will merge with and into Dragonfly, with Dragonfly as the surviving company in the Merger and, after giving effect to such Merger, Dragonfly will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chardan. The Aggregate Merger Consideration to be received by equityholders of Dragonfly as of immediately prior to the Closing will be 40,000,000 shares of Chardan common stock. Dragonfly stockholders will also have the contingent right to receive up to 40,000,000 Earnout Shares. For further details, see “*Business Combination Proposal — Consideration to Dragonfly Holders in the Business Combination.*”

The Earnout Shares (up to 40,000,000 shares) will be issued, if at all, to the Dragonfly stockholders in three tranches. The first tranche of 15,000,000 shares is issuable if New Dragonfly’s 2023 total audited revenue is equal to or greater than \$250,000,000 and New Dragonfly’s 2023 audited operating income is equal to or greater than \$35,000,000. The second tranche of 12,500,000 shares is issuable upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price threshold of at least \$22.50 on or prior to December 31, 2026, and the third tranche of 12,500,000 shares is issuable upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price threshold of

at least \$32.50 on or prior to December 31, 2028. To the extent not previously earned, the second tranche is issuable if the \$32.50 price target is achieved by December 31, 2028 (such shares, together, the “*Earnout Shares*”).

After consideration of the factors identified and discussed in the section entitled “*Business Combination Proposal — The Chardan Board’s Reasons for the Approval of the Business Combination*,” the Chardan Board concluded (i) that the terms and conditions of the Business Combination Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby are advisable, fair to and in the best interests of Chardan and its stockholders and (ii) that it would recommend that its stockholders adopt the Business Combination Agreement and approve the Business Combination. For more information about the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement, see “*Business Combination Proposal*.”

The consummation of the Business Combination is conditioned upon, among other things, (i) the approval by our stockholders and Dragonfly’s stockholders of the proposals being obtained by execution of a written consent by 85% of the outstanding shares of Dragonfly common stock; (ii) this proxy statement receiving SEC clearance; (iii) applicable waiting periods under the HSR act expiring or terminating; (iv) the Company Preferred Conversion occurring immediately prior to the Effective Time; (v) Dragonfly (x) delivering the Payoff Consent (as defined below) the Payoff Letter (as defined below) and repaying all outstanding PIUS Debt (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement) or (y) if the debt financing is not consummated, refinancing the PIUS Debt on mutually agreeable terms; (vi) the amendment of the Key Employment Agreements in accordance with the terms of the applicable amendments; and (vii) the approval by Nasdaq of our initial listing application in connection with the Business Combination. Therefore, unless these conditions are waived by the applicable parties to the Business Combination Agreement, the Business Combination Agreement could terminate and the Business Combination may not be consummated. For further details, see “*Business Combination Proposal — Conditions to Closing of the Business Combination*.”

Matters Being Voted On

The stockholders of Chardan will be asked to consider and vote on the following proposals at the special meeting:

- (1) a proposal to approve the Business Combination, including (a) adopting the Business Combination Agreement and (b) approving the other transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement and related agreements described in this proxy statement. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal*” for additional information;
- (2) a proposal to approve and adopt changes to the certificate of incorporation of Chardan reflected in the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Chardan in the form attached hereto as Annex B. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 2 — The Charter Proposal*” for additional information;
- (3) a proposal to approve and adopt the 2022 Plan. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 3 — The Incentive Plan Proposal*” for additional information;
- (4) a proposal to approve, for purposes of complying with the applicable rules of the Nasdaq, the issuance of shares of Chardan’s common stock in connection with the Business Combination, including, without limitation, the Aggregate Merger Consideration, the Earnout Shares, the PIPE Investment, the Term Loan Lender Warrants and the Equity Facility. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 4 — The Nasdaq Proposal*” for additional information;
- (5) a proposal to approve the ESPP. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 5 — The ESPP Proposal*” for additional information; and
- (6) a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the governance proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal or the ESPP Proposal. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 6 — The Adjournment Proposal*” for additional information.

Date, Time and Place of Special Meeting of Chardan's Stockholders

The special meeting of stockholders of Chardan will be held at [•] Eastern Time, on [•], at the offices of [•] located at [•], and via a virtual meeting.

We are sensitive to the public health and travel concerns our stockholders may have and recommendations that public health officials may issue in light of the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. As a result, we may impose additional procedures or limitations on meeting attendees or may decide to hold the meeting in a different location or solely by means of remote communication (i.e., a virtual-only meeting). We plan to announce any such updates on our proxy website at [•], and we encourage you to check this website prior to the meeting if you plan to attend.

At the special meeting, stockholders will be asked to consider and vote upon the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal and the ESPP Proposal and, if necessary, the Adjournment Proposal to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies if Chardan is not able to consummate the Business Combination.

Registering for the Special Meeting

If you are a registered stockholder, you will receive a proxy card from the Transfer Agent. The card will contain instructions on how to attend the Special Meeting, including how to register for the virtual Special Meeting.

If you do not have access to Internet, you can listen only to the meeting by dialing [•] (or [•] if you are located outside the United States and Canada (standard rates apply)) and when prompted enter the pin number. Please note that you will not be able to vote or ask questions at the Special Meeting if you choose to participate telephonically.

Voting Power; Record Date

Stockholders will be entitled to vote or direct votes to be cast at the special meeting if they owned shares of Chardan common stock at the close of business on [•], which is the record date for the special meeting. Stockholders will have one vote for each share of Chardan common owned at the close of business on the record date. If your shares are held in "street name" or are in a margin or similar account, you should contact your broker to ensure that votes related to the shares you beneficially own are properly counted. Chardan warrants do not have voting rights. On the record date, there were [15,812,500] shares of Chardan common stock outstanding, of which [12,650,000] were public shares with the rest being held by the Sponsor and certain Insiders.

Quorum and Vote of Chardan Stockholders

A quorum of Chardan stockholders is necessary to hold a valid meeting. A quorum will be present at the special meeting if a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote at the meeting are represented in person or by proxy. Proxies that are marked "ABSTAIN" will be treated as shares present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum on all matters. Broker non-votes will not be counted for the purposes of determining the existence of a quorum or for purposes of determining the number of votes cast at the special meeting.

The Sponsor and certain Insiders own of record and are entitled to vote approximately [20%] of the outstanding shares of Chardan common stock as of the record date. Such shares, as well as any shares of common stock acquired in the aftermarket by the Sponsor, will be voted in favor of the proposals presented at the special meeting.

The proposals presented at the special meeting will require the following votes:

- The approval of each of the Business Combination Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal, the ESPP Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of the majority of Chardan's shares of common stock present at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is established, a Chardan stockholder's failure to vote by proxy or to vote at the special meeting with regard to Business Combination Proposal, the Incentive

Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal, the ESPP Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” such proposals.

The approval of the Charter Proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of Chardan’s outstanding shares of common stock. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is established, a Chardan stockholder’s failure to vote by proxy or to vote at the special meeting with regard to the Charter Proposal will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” such proposal.

Consummation of the Business Combination is conditioned on the approval of each of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal and the ESPP Proposal. If any of those proposals are not approved, we will not consummate the Business Combination.

Redemption Rights

Pursuant to Chardan’s current certificate of incorporation, a holder of public shares may demand that Chardan redeem such shares for cash if the Business Combination is consummated. Holders of public shares will be entitled to receive cash for these shares only if they demand that Chardan redeem their shares for cash no later than the second business day prior to the originally scheduled vote on the Business Combination Proposal by delivering their stock to the Transfer Agent prior to the vote at the meeting. The redemption rights include the requirement that a holder must identify himself, herself or itself in writing as a beneficial holder and provide his, her or its legal name, phone number and address to the transfer agent in order to validly redeem his, her or its shares. If the Business Combination is not completed, these shares will not be redeemed. If a holder of public shares properly demands redemption, Chardan will redeem each public share for a full pro rata portion of the trust account, calculated as of two business days prior to the consummation of the Business Combination. As of [•], this would amount to approximately \$[10.15] per share. If a holder of public shares exercises its redemption rights, then it will be exchanging its shares of Chardan common stock for cash and will no longer own the shares. Please see the section entitled “*Special Meeting of Chardan Stockholders — Redemption Rights*” for a detailed description of the procedures to be followed if you wish to redeem your shares for cash.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a holder of public shares, together with any of its affiliates or any other person with whom such holder is acting in concert or as a “group” (as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), will be restricted from seeking redemption rights with respect to more than 20% of the public shares. Accordingly, all public shares in excess of 20% held by a public stockholder, together with any affiliate of such holder or any other person with whom such holder is acting in concert or was a “group,” will not be redeemed for cash.

The Business Combination will not be consummated if Chardan has net tangible assets of less than \$5,000,001 after taking into account holders of public shares that have properly demanded redemption of their shares for cash.

Holders of Chardan warrants will not have redemption rights with respect to such securities.

Appraisal Rights / Dissenter’s Rights

Chardan stockholders, Chardan unitholders and Chardan warrant holders do not have appraisal rights in connection with the Business Combination under the DGCL.

Under the Nevada Dissenter’s Rights Statutes (NRS 92A.300 through NRS 92A.500, inclusive), any Dragonfly stockholder who does not vote or sign a written consent (and who does not cause or permit the stockholder’s shares to be voted) in favor of the Merger will have the right to dissent from the Merger and, in lieu of receiving the Per Share Merger Consideration with respect to the stockholder’s Dragonfly shares, obtain payment of the fair value (as defined in NRS 92A.320) of the stockholder’s Dragonfly shares, but only if the stockholder complies with all other applicable requirements under the Nevada Dissenter’s Rights Statutes. The Dragonfly stockholders must also approve the Merger, and the Dragonfly Stockholder Approval must be obtained and delivered to Chardan by execution of a written consent by 85% of the outstanding shares of Dragonfly common stock.

Please see the section entitled “*Appraisal Rights and Dissenter’s Rights*” for additional information.

Proxy Solicitation

Proxies may be solicited by mail, telephone or in person. Chardan has engaged [•] to assist in the solicitation of proxies. If a stockholder grants a proxy, it may still vote its shares during the meeting if it revokes its proxy before the special meeting. A stockholder may also change its vote by submitting a later-dated proxy as described in the section entitled “*Special Meeting of Chardan Stockholders — Revoking Your Proxy.*”

Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination

In considering the recommendation of the Chardan Board to vote in favor of approval of the Business Combination Proposal and the other proposals, stockholders should keep in mind that the Sponsor and the Insiders have interests in such proposals that are different from, or in addition to, those of Chardan stockholders generally. In particular:

- None of Chardan’s officers and directors is required to commit their full time to our affairs and, accordingly, they may have conflicts of interest in allocating their time among various business activities.
- Each of Chardan’s officers and directors presently has, and any of them in the future may have additional, fiduciary or contractual obligations to another entity pursuant to which such officer or director is or will be required to present a business combination opportunity to such entity. We do not believe, however, that the pre-existing fiduciary duties or contractual obligations of our officers and directors will materially undermine our ability to complete the Business Combination, and such pre-existing fiduciary duties and contractual obligations did not materially affect our search for an acquisition target.
- Mr. Grossman is the Chief Executive Officer of, and Mr. Weil is Managing Director and Co-Head of Fintech Investment Banking of, Chardan Capital Markets, an affiliate of the Sponsor. Mr. Grossman, Mr. Weil and Mr. Propper are also members of the board of directors of Chardan Capital Markets. Mr. Grossman is also the managing member of Chardan International Investments, LLC, an affiliate of the Sponsor.
- It is anticipated that upon completion of the Business Combination and assuming no redemptions by Chardan public stockholders, the PIPE Investor will own approximately .9% of New Dragonfly, and the Sponsor, officers, directors and other affiliates and holders of Founder Shares will own approximately 5.8% of New Dragonfly. These levels of ownership interest: (a) include the impact of the shares of Chardan common stock issuable upon exercise of the Penny Warrants due to their nominal exercise price but exclude the impact of the \$10 Warrants and shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Equity Facility after Closing, (b) assume that no Chardan public stockholder exercises redemption rights with respect to its shares for a pro rata portion of the funds in Chardan’s trust account and (c) assume that no shares are issued pursuant to the Dragonfly Incentive Plan and the 2022 Plan.
- If the Business Combination or another business combination are not consummated by August 13, 2022 (unless this deadline is extended pursuant to Chardan’s covenant to extend such deadline under the Business Combination Agreement and pursuant to the Chardan Organizational Documents), Chardan will cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, redeeming 100% of the outstanding public shares for cash and, subject to the approval of its remaining stockholders and the Chardan Board, dissolving and liquidating. In such event, the Private Warrants and all underlying securities held by the Sponsor and Insiders would be worthless because the holders thereof are not entitled to participate in any redemption or distribution with respect to such shares.
- On July 23, 2020, the Sponsor purchased 1,000,000 shares of common stock of Chardan for an aggregate purchase price of \$25,000. On March 4, 2021, Chardan effected a 2.875-for-1 stock split, resulting in 2,875,000 shares of common stock being held by the Sponsor. On August 10, 2021, Chardan effectuated a 1.1-for-1 stock split, resulting in an aggregate of 3,162,500 shares of common stock outstanding. On August 18, 2021, the underwriters’ exercised the over-allotment option in full, thus the Founder Shares are no longer subject to forfeiture. Such shares had an aggregate market value of approximately \$31,814,750 based upon the closing price of \$10.06 per share on the Nasdaq on May 12,

2022. In May and June 2021, the Sponsor transferred 20,000 Founder Shares to each of Messrs. Biele, Boyle, Hardamon, Thakrar and Thomson and Ms. Jardins.

- Pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Marketing Agreement Chardan engaged Chardan Capital Markets, an affiliate of Chardan, as an advisor in connection with its business combination. Chardan Capital Markets will receive a cash fee for such services upon the consummation of the Merger in an amount equal to, in the aggregate, \$4,427,500, being 3.5% of the gross proceeds of the Chardan IPO. Chardan Capital Markets will also receive a cash fee of \$1,170,000 for other financial advisory services, including for advisory services provided with respect to placement of potential PIPE investments.
- Simultaneously with the closing of the Chardan IPO, Holdings purchased an aggregate of 4,361,456 private placement warrants at a price of \$0.93 per private placement warrant (\$4,052,000 in the aggregate). Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, Holdings purchased an additional 266,402 private placement warrants at a purchase price of \$0.93 per private placement warrant. Each private placement warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share. The proceeds from the private placement warrants were added to the proceeds from the Chardan IPO to be held in the Trust Account. The private placement warrants had an aggregate market value of \$677,770 based upon the closing price of approximately \$0.16 per share on the Nasdaq on May 12, 2022. The private placement warrants will become worthless if Chardan does not consummate a business combination by August 13, 2022 (unless this deadline is extended pursuant to Chardan's covenant to extend such deadline under the Business Combination Agreement and pursuant to the Chardan Organizational Documents).
- [•], current directors of Chardan, will become directors of New Dragonfly after the Closing. As such, in the future each may receive any cash fees, stock options or stock awards that the post-combination board of directors determines to pay to its executive and non-executive directors.
- If Chardan is unable to complete an initial business combination within the completion window, the Sponsor will be liable under certain circumstances to ensure that the proceeds in the trust account are not reduced by the claims of target businesses or claims of vendors or other entities that are owed money by Chardan for services rendered or contracted for or products sold to Chardan. If Chardan consummates an initial business combination, on the other hand, Chardan will be liable for all such claims.
- Chardan's officers and directors and their affiliates are entitled to reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in connection with certain activities on Chardan's behalf, such as identifying and investigating possible business targets and business combinations. However, if Chardan fails to consummate an initial business combination within the completion window, they will not have any claim against the trust account for reimbursement. Accordingly, Chardan may not be able to reimburse these expenses if the Business Combination or another initial business combination, is not completed within the completion window. As of May 15, 2022, the Sponsor and Chardan's officers and directors and their respective affiliates had not incurred any such reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses.
- The current directors and officers will continue to be indemnified and the liability insurance of the directors and officers will continue.
- In connection with the Business Combination, Chardan and the Sponsor, an affiliate of Chardan, entered into the Subscription Agreement, which provides for the Sponsor to purchase an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Chardan common stock upon the terms as set forth in the Subscription Agreement. The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market. For additional information, see the sections entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Subscription Agreement*" and "*Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions — Chardan Related Party Transactions.*"
- In addition, pursuant to the Equity Facility Letter Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation reflecting the terms in the Equity Facility Letter Agreement prior to the Closing Date. Under the terms of the Equity Facility, the Equity Facility Investor will commit to purchase up to an aggregate of \$150,000,000 in shares of New Dragonfly's

common stock from time to time at the request of the New Dragonfly, subject to certain limitations and the satisfaction of certain conditions. The purchase price for the shares of New Dragonfly common stock that New Dragonfly elects to sell to the Equity Facility Investor will be determined by reference to the VWAP of such shares during the applicable purchase date, less a fixed 3.5% discount to such VWAP. In addition, New Dragonfly will agree to issue Equity Facility Commitment Shares having a value of \$1 million determined based on the applicable trading price at the time of issuance to the Equity Facility Investor as consideration for its irrevocable commitment to purchase the shares of New Dragonfly common stock upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation. For additional information, see the sections entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Equity Facility Letter Agreement*” and “*Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions — Chardan Related Party Transactions*.”

- Pursuant to the Debt Commitment Letter, the Chardan Lender has agreed to provide 60% of the commitment with respect to the Term Loan on the Closing Date subject to the satisfaction of certain customary conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. The Chardan Lender intends to backstop its commitment under the Debt Commitment Letter by entering into the Backstop Commitment Letter with the Backstop Lenders prior to the Closing Date. The Chardan Lender is entitled to payment of fees in connection with the Term Loan pursuant to the fee letter entered into in connection with the Debt Commitment Letter, but intends for such fees to be paid to the Backstop Lenders on the Closing Date. For additional information, see the sections entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Debt Commitment Letter*” and “*Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions — Chardan Related Party Transactions*.”
- Given the difference in the purchase price the Sponsor and our directors paid for the Founders Shares as compared to the price of the units sold in the Chardan IPO, the Sponsor and our directors may earn a positive rate of return on their investment even if New Dragonfly common stock trades below the price paid for the units in the Chardan IPO and the public stockholders experience a negative rate of return following the completion of the Business Combination.
- The Sponsor will benefit from the completion of a business combination and may be incentivized to complete an acquisition of a less favorable target company or on terms less favorable to the public stockholders rather than liquidating Chardan.
- The Sponsor and the initial stockholders, among others, will enter into the Registration Rights Agreement which will provide them with registration rights.

Stockholders should also keep in mind that certain officers and directors of Dragonfly have interests in the Business Combination that are different from, or in addition to, those of Chardan stockholders generally.

- In connection with the Business Combination, based on the Minimum Cash Balance after Fees at closing, Mr. Denis Phares and Sean Nichols, Dragonfly’s co-founders and its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer, respectively, are each entitled to a transaction cash bonus. The bonus amount ranges from (i) 5% of the exercise proceeds from the exercise of Chardan’s public warrants (split evenly between them) to (ii) \$4,000,000 each. Assuming maximum redemptions and no redemptions of Chardan stock, respectively, Mr. Phares and Nichols would (i) receive a cash bonus tied to future public warrant exercises and (ii) \$4,000,000 each. See “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination*.”
- As an inducement to hire Mr. John Marchetti as Dragonfly’s Chief Financial Officer, Dragonfly loaned Mr. Marchetti \$350,000 to repay amounts owed by him to his former employer and entered into a related Promissory Note with a maturity of March 1, 2026.

Board of Directors following the Business Combination

Upon completion of the Business Combination, New Dragonfly’s board of directors will be composed of seven members. New Dragonfly expects that [•] of its directors will meet the independence requirements under the Nasdaq Listed Company Manual. In accordance with the Business Combination Agreement, [•] and [•]

were designated as directors by Chardan, and [•] were designated as directors by Dragonfly's board of directors. Please see the section entitled "*Management of New Dragonfly After the Business Combination*" for additional information.

Other Agreements Relating to the Business Combination

Subscription Agreement

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan entered into the Subscription Agreement with the Sponsor, pursuant to which, among other things, the Sponsor agreed to subscribe for and purchase, and Chardan agreed to issue and sell to the Sponsor, 500,000 shares of PIPE Securities, immediately prior to or substantially concurrently with the Closing, for a price of \$10.00 per share for gross proceeds of \$5 million. The Subscription Agreement contains customary representations, warranties, covenants and agreements of Chardan and the Sponsor. The obligation of the parties to consummate the Equity Financing is conditioned upon, among other things, (i) satisfaction or waiver of the conditions precedent to the closing of the transactions set forth in the Business Combination Agreement and (ii) there not being any amendment or modification to the Business Combination Agreement that would reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the economic benefits that the Sponsor would reasonably expect to receive under the Subscription Agreement. The closing under the Subscription Agreement will occur substantially concurrently with the Closing.

Registration Rights Agreement

At the consummation of the Business Combination, New Dragonfly intends to enter into the Registration Rights Agreement with the Sponsor, the Insiders, certain Dragonfly stockholders, the Sponsor and Holdings, substantially in the form attached as Annex H to this proxy statement, pursuant to which, among other things, New Dragonfly will agree to register for resale, pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act, the registrable securities that are held by the holders party to the Registration Rights Agreement from time to time. Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, New Dragonfly will be required to submit to or file with the SEC, within 30 calendar days after the Closing, a shelf registration statement covering the issuance and the resale of all such registrable securities on a delayed or continuous basis, and to use commercially reasonable efforts to have such shelf registration statement declared effective as soon as practicable after the filing thereof, but no later than the earlier of (i) 90 calendar days after the filing thereof if the SEC notifies New Dragonfly that it will "review" the shelf registration statement and (ii) the 10th business day after the date New Dragonfly is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the SEC that the shelf registration statement will not be "reviewed" or will not be subject to further review.

Sponsor Support Agreement

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan, Dragonfly and the Sponsor entered into a sponsor support agreement (the "*Sponsor Support Agreement*"), pursuant to which the Sponsor agreed, among other things, (i) to vote, or cause to be voted, at any meeting of the stockholders of Chardan all of its shares of Chardan common stock held of record or acquired after the date of the Sponsor Support Agreement (excluding shares of any common stock acquired in public market) (a) in favor of the proposals set forth in this proxy statement and (b) against any proposal that would reasonably be expected to result in (x) a breach of any of Chardan's or Merger Sub's covenants, agreements or obligations under the Business Combination Agreement or in any Ancillary Agreements or (y) any Closing conditions set forth in Section 9.1 or 9.3 or the Business Combination Agreement not being satisfied; (ii) to not redeem any of such Chardan common stock; (iii) to be bound by certain other covenants and agreements related to the Business Combination and (iv) to be bound by certain transfer restrictions with respect to such shares of Chardan common stock, in each case, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Sponsor Support Agreement.

Debt Commitment Letter

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly entered into a commitment letter (the "*Debt Commitment Letter*") with CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate

of Chardan Capital Markets (the “*Chardan Lender*”), and EICF Agent LLC (collectively, the “*Term Loan Lenders*”), pursuant to which the Term Loan Lenders have agreed to provide Dragonfly with a senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$75 million (the “*Term Loan*”) on the Closing Date subject to the satisfaction of a number of specified conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. The obligations of the Term Loan Lenders to provide the Term Loan will terminate on October 31, 2022. The Chardan Lender intends to backstop its commitment under the Debt Commitment Letter by entering into a backstop commitment letter (the “*Backstop Commitment Letter*”) with certain third party financing sources (the “*Backstop Lenders*”) prior to the Closing Date.

Equity Facility Letter Agreement

On May 15, 2022, Chardan, Dragonfly and the Equity Facility Investor entered into the Equity Facility Letter Agreement pursuant to which Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation to establish the Equity Facility prior to the Closing Date. Pursuant to and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions to be set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, including the filing and effectiveness of a registration statement registering the resale by the Equity Facility Investor of the shares of New Dragonfly Common Stock issued to it under the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, New Dragonfly will have the right from time to time at its option to direct the Equity Facility Investor to purchase up to a specified maximum amount of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, up to a maximum aggregate purchase price of \$150,000,000 over the 36-month term of the Equity Facility.

Recommendation to Stockholders

The Chardan Board believes that the Business Combination Proposal and the other proposals to be presented at the special meeting are fair to and in the best interest of Chardan’s stockholders and unanimously recommends that its stockholders vote “FOR” the Business Combination Proposal, “FOR” the Charter Proposal, “FOR” the Incentive Plan Proposal, “FOR” the Nasdaq Proposal, “FOR” the ESPP Proposal and “FOR” the Adjournment Proposal, if presented.

When you consider the Chardan Board’s recommendation of these proposals, you should keep in mind that our directors and officers have interests in the Business Combination that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of Chardan stockholders generally. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination*” for additional information. The Chardan Board was aware of and considered these interests, among other matters, in evaluating and negotiating the Business Combination and in recommending to the Chardan stockholders that they vote “FOR” the proposals presented at the special meeting.

Conditions to the Closing

Conditions to Each Party’s Obligations

The respective obligations of each party to the Business Combination Agreement to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination are subject to the satisfaction or, if permitted by applicable law, written waiver by the party whose benefit such condition exists of the following conditions:

- no governmental authority shall have enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any law, judgment, decree, executive order or award which is then in effect and has the effect of making the transactions, including the Merger, illegal or otherwise prohibiting or enjoining consummation of the transactions, including the Merger;
- this proxy statement shall have received SEC clearance;
- the waiting period or periods under the HSR Act applicable to the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement) shall have expired or been terminated;
- the Chardan common stock to be issued in connection with the transactions shall have been approved for listing on Nasdaq;

- Chardan shall have at least \$5,000,001 of net tangible assets (as determined in accordance with Rule 3a51-1(g)(1) of the Exchange Act and inclusive of the PIPE Investment Amount actually received by Chardan prior to or substantially concurrently with the Closing);
- the Business Combination Agreement and, to the extent required, the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement (including the Merger) shall have been approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of the requisite number of Chardan common stock being obtained in accordance with Chardan's current certificate of incorporation and bylaws, applicable law, and the rules and regulations of Nasdaq; and
- the Business Combination Agreement and, to the extent required, the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement (including the Merger) shall have been approved by the requisite number of stockholders of Dragonfly in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes, Dragonfly's governing documents and agreements between Dragonfly and its stockholders ("*Dragonfly Stockholder Approval*"). The Dragonfly Stockholder Approval was obtained and delivered to Chardan immediately following the execution of the Business Combination Agreement by execution of a written consent by 85% of the outstanding shares of Dragonfly common stock.

Other Conditions to the Obligations of Chardan

The obligations of Chardan to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement are subject to the satisfaction or, if permitted by applicable law, written waiver by Chardan of the following further conditions:

- certain of the representations and warranties of Dragonfly pertaining to the capitalization of Dragonfly must be true and correct in all but de minimis respects as of the Closing Date, except with respect to such representations and warranties which speak as to an earlier date, which representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all but de minimis respects at and as of such date;
- each of the Dragonfly Fundamental Representations (other than those portions of the capitalization representations referenced in the preceding bullet point) must be true and correct in all material respects, in each case as of the Closing Date, except with respect to such representations and warranties which speak as to an earlier date, which representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects at and as of such date;
- the other representations and warranties of Dragonfly shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "Material Adverse Effect" or any similar limitation set forth in the Business Combination Agreement) as of the Closing Date (or, if given as of an earlier date, as of such earlier date), except where the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect;
- Dragonfly shall have performed and complied in all material respects with the covenants and agreements required to be performed or complied with by it under the Business Combination Agreement as of or prior to the Closing;
- the Company Preferred Conversion shall have occurred or will occur immediately prior to the Effective Time;
- The Key Employment Agreements shall have been amended in accordance with the terms of the applicable amendments, and shall continue to be in full force and effect and shall not have been terminated for any reason;
- Dragonfly shall have (x) delivered the Payoff Consent (as defined below) and Payoff Letter (as defined below) and repaid all outstanding PIUS Debt (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement) or if the debt financing is not consummated, refinanced the PIUS Debt on mutually agreeable terms; and
- no Material Adverse Effect shall have occurred since the date of the Business Combination Agreement.

Other Conditions to the Obligations of Dragonfly

The obligations of Dragonfly to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement are subject to the satisfaction or, if permitted by applicable law, written waiver by Dragonfly of the following further conditions:

- certain of the representations and warranties of Chardan regarding the capitalization of Chardan, must be true and correct in all but *de minimis* respects as of the Closing Date, except with respect to such representations and warranties which speak as to an earlier date, which representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all but *de minimis* respects at and as of such date, except for changes after the date of the Business Combination Agreement which are contemplated or expressly permitted by the Business Combination Agreement;
- the other representations and warranties regarding Chardan and Merger Sub shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation of “materiality” or “material adverse effect” or any similar limitation set forth in the Business Combination Agreement) as of the Closing Date, except where the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse effect on Chardan’s ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement; and
- Chardan shall have performed and complied in all material respects with the covenants and agreements required to be performed or complied with by it under the Business Combination Agreement.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations of the Exercise of Redemption Rights

For a discussion of U.S. federal income tax considerations of the exercise of redemption rights, please see the information set forth in the section entitled “*U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations.*”

Anticipated Accounting Treatment

The Business Combination will be accounted for as a reverse recapitalization, with no goodwill or other intangible assets recorded, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Under this method of accounting, Chardan is treated as the “acquired” company for financial reporting purposes. Dragonfly has been determined to be the accounting acquirer because Dragonfly, as a group, will retain a majority of the outstanding shares of New Dragonfly as of the closing of the Business Combination, they will nominate five of the seven members of the board of directors as of the closing of the Business Combination, Dragonfly’s management will continue to manage New Dragonfly and Dragonfly’s business will comprise the ongoing operations of New Dragonfly.

Business of Dragonfly

Dragonfly is a manufacturer of non-toxic deep cycle lithium-ion batteries that caters to customers in the RV, marine vessel and off-grid residence industries, with potentially disruptive solid-state cell technology currently under development. Dragonfly believes that green energy is more than just a trend. Dragonfly’s goal is to develop technology to deliver environmentally impactful solutions for energy storage to everyone globally. Dragonfly believes that the innovative design of its lithium-ion batteries is ideally suited for the demands of modern customers who rely on consumer electronics, connected devices and smart appliances that require continuous, reliable electricity, regardless of location. Dragonfly is leveraging the expertise of its Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, who holds a M.B.A. from University of Nevada — Reno, a Ph.D. in Engineering from the California Institute of Technology and a B.S. in Physics from Villanova University.

Dragonfly’s deep cycle LFP batteries provide numerous advantages compared to incumbent products, such as lead-acid batteries. LFP batteries are non-toxic and environmentally friendly, do not rely on scarce or controversial metals and are a highly cost-effective storage solution. As Dragonfly develops its proprietary solid-state cell technology, it believes its use of LFP will continue to provide significant advantages over the lithium-ion technology in development by other companies, which still incorporate less stable components in their chemistries (such as sulfide glasses, which are chemically unstable and form hydrogen sulfide when exposed to air).

Dragonfly currently focuses on three main end markets: RVs, marine vessels and off-grid storage and, in the medium- to longer-term, it plan on expanding into several new markets. Within its current markets, Dragonfly’s aim is to replace incumbent lead-acid batteries. Dragonfly’s batteries are primarily designed to provide consumers with a long-lasting, highly efficient power source for powering appliances, consumer

electronics and other smart devices located inside RVs, marine vessels or off-grid residences and, other than for certain smaller marine vessels, are not intended for propulsion. Dragonfly's batteries are powertrain agnostic, with the ability to operate on internal combustion engine vehicles or electric vehicles.

In addition to our conventional LFP batteries, Dragonfly's experienced research and development team, headed by its co-founder and CEO, is currently developing the next generation of LFP solid-state cells.

Ownership of the Post-Business Combination Company After Closing

It is anticipated that upon completion of the Business Combination and assuming no redemptions by Chardan public stockholders, Chardan's public stockholders (other than the PIPE Investor) will retain an ownership interest of approximately 23.2% of New Dragonfly, the PIPE Investor will own approximately 0.9% of New Dragonfly, the Term Loan Lenders will own approximately 2.8% of New Dragonfly assuming the exercise of all Penny Warrants, the Sponsor, officers, directors and other holders of Founder Shares will retain an ownership interest of approximately 5.8% of New Dragonfly, and the Dragonfly stockholders will own approximately 67.3% (excluding the 40,000,000 Earnout Shares) of New Dragonfly. These levels of ownership interest: (a) include the impact of the shares of Chardan common stock issuable upon exercise of the Penny Warrants due to their nominal exercise price but exclude the impact of the \$10 Warrants and shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Equity Facility after Closing, (b) assume that no Chardan public stockholder exercises redemption rights with respect to its shares for a pro rata portion of the funds in Chardan's trust account and (c) assume that no shares are issued pursuant to the Dragonfly Incentive Plan and the 2022 Plan.

The following tables illustrate estimated ownership levels, immediately following the consummation of the Business Combination, based on the varying levels of redemptions by Chardan public stockholders and the following additional assumption:

	No Redemptions ⁽¹⁾		10% Redemption ⁽²⁾		50% Redemption ⁽³⁾		75% Redemption ⁽⁴⁾		Maximum Redemption ⁽⁵⁾	
		%		%		%		%		%
Dragonfly existing shareholders ⁽⁶⁾	76,698,666	81.2%	76,698,666	82.3%	76,698,666	86.9%	76,698,666	90.2%	76,698,666	93.6%
Chardan existing public stockholders ⁽⁷⁾	12,650,000	13.4%	11,385,000	12.2%	6,325,000	7.2%	3,162,500	3.7%	—	—%
Initial Stockholders ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	3,162,500	3.3%	3,162,500	3.4%	3,162,500	3.6%	3,162,500	3.7%	3,162,500	3.9%
PIPE Investor ⁽¹⁰⁾	500,000	0.5%	500,000	0.5%	500,000	0.6%	500,000	0.6%	500,000	0.6%
Term Loan Lender ⁽¹¹⁾	1,536,367	1.6%	1,536,367	1.6%	1,536,367	1.7%	1,536,367	1.8%	1,536,367	1.9%
Pro forma Common Stock at December 31, 2021	94,547,533	100.0%	93,282,533	100.0%	88,222,533	100.0%	85,060,033	100.0%	81,897,533	100.0%
<i>Potential sources of dilution:</i>										
Public Warrants	9,487,500	10.0%	9,487,500	10.2%	9,487,500	10.8%	9,487,500	11.2%	9,487,500	11.6%
Private Warrants	4,627,858	4.9%	4,627,858	5.0%	4,627,858	5.2%	4,627,858	5.4%	4,627,858	5.7%
Dragonfly Options	4,075,348	4.3%	4,075,348	4.4%	4,075,348	4.6%	4,075,348	4.8%	4,075,348	5.0%
\$10 Warrants	1,600,000	1.7%	1,600,000	1.7%	1,600,000	1.8%	1,600,000	1.9%	1,600,000	2.0%

(1) Assumes that no Chardan public stockholders are redeemed.

(2) Assumes that 1,265,000 Chardan public shares are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$12,842,122, assuming a \$10.15 per share redemption price and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.

(3) Assumes that 6,325,000 Chardan public shares are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$64,210,608, assuming a \$10.15 per share redemption price and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.

- (4) Assumes that 9,487,500 Chardan public shares are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$96,315,911, assuming a \$10.15 per share redemption price and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.
- (5) Assumes that 12,650,000 Chardan public shares are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$128,421,215, assuming a \$10.15 per share redemption price and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.
- (6) Includes 40,000,000 Earnout Shares payable in three tranches subject to achievement of specified financial information milestones for 2023 or post-Closing trading price milestones for New Dragonfly common stock.
- (7) Excludes 9,487,500 Public Warrants. If all potential sources of dilution were exercised and converted into Common Stock, the CNTQ public stockholders would hold approximately 19.4%, 18.5%, 14.6%, 12.1% and 9.3% under the No Redemptions, 10% Redemption, 50% Redemption, 75% Redemption, and Maximum Redemption scenarios, respectively. See “General Risk Factors—Risks Related to Ownership of Chardan Securities and the Business Combination—Chardan’s public stockholders will experience immediate dilution as a consequence of, among other transactions, the issuance of Chardan common stock as consideration in the Business Combination, the PIPE Investment and the Term Loan. Having a minority share position may reduce the influence that Chardan’s current stockholders have on the management of Chardan.” for additional information related to the risk of dilution to our public stockholders.
- (8) Excludes 4,627,858 Private Warrants. If all potential sources of dilution were exercised and converted into Common Stock, the Initial Stockholders would hold approximately 6.8%, 6.9%, 7.2%, 7.4% and 7.7% under the No Redemptions, 10% Redemption, 50% Redemption, 75% Redemption, and Maximum Redemption scenarios, respectively. See “General Risk Factors—Risks Related to Ownership of Chardan Securities and the Business Combination—Chardan’s public stockholders will experience immediate dilution as a consequence of, among other transactions, the issuance of Chardan common stock as consideration in the Business Combination, the PIPE Investment and the Term Loan. Having a minority share position may reduce the influence that Chardan’s current stockholders have on the management of Chardan.” for additional information related to the risk of dilution to our public stockholders.
- (9) Total of 3,162,500 outstanding founder shares includes 3,052,500 founder shares held by the Sponsor, and 110,000 founder shares held by officers and directors of Chardan. Please see the section titled “Beneficial Ownership of Securities.”
- (10) Assumes the sale of an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Chardan Common Stock, for a purchase price of \$10.00 per share and an aggregate purchase price of \$5,000,000.
- (11) Assumes the exercise and conversion of the Penny Warrants into common stock due to their nominal exercise price.

Additionally, in connection with the Business Combination, New Dragonfly plans to adopt the 2022 Plan. Up to [] shares of the New Dragonfly common stock will initially be reserved for issuance under the 2022 Plan, and additional shares will become available for issuance under the 2022 Plan each year. See the section entitled “*Proposal No. 3—The Incentive Plan Proposal*” for additional information.

In connection with the Chardan IPO and the Business Combination, Chardan paid or will pay certain fees to Chardan Capital Markets LLC and to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company for advisory services. The following table illustrates the effective fee percentages paid to such advisors based on the varying levels of redemptions by Chardan public stockholders:

	No Redemptions	10% Redemption	50% Redemption	75% Redemption	Maximum Redemption
Unredeemed public shares	12,650,000	11,385,000	6,325,000	3,162,500	—
Trust proceeds to Dragonfly	\$128,421,215	\$115,579,094	\$64,210,608	\$32,105,304	\$ —
PIPE Investment	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
Term Loan	\$ 75,000,000	\$ 75,000,000	\$75,000,000	\$75,000,000	\$75,000,000

	No Redemptions	10% Redemption	50% Redemption	75% Redemption	Maximum Redemption
Business Combination Marketing Agreement – Chardan Capital Markets	\$ 4,427,500	\$ 4,427,500	\$ 4,427,500	\$ 4,427,500	\$ 4,427,500
Financial advisory services – Chardan Capital Markets	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 1,170,000
Financial advisory services – Stifel	\$ 2,730,000	\$ 2,730,000	\$ 2,730,000	\$ 2,730,000	\$ 2,730,000
Capital market advisory services – Stifel	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 8,000,000
Effective fee (%)	7.83%	8.35%	11.32%	14.56%	20.41%

Risk Factor Summary

In evaluating the proposals to be presented at the special meeting, you should carefully read this proxy statement and especially consider the factors discussed in the section entitled “*Risk Factors*.” The occurrence of one or more of the events or circumstances described in that section, alone or in combination with other events or circumstances, may have a material adverse effect on (i) the ability of Chardan and Dragonfly to complete the Business Combination, and (ii) the business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations of the company following consummation of the Business Combination. These risks include:

Risks Related to Dragonfly’s Existing Lithium-Ion Battery Operations

- Our business and future growth depends on the needs and success of our customers.
- We may not be able to engage target customers successfully and convert these customers into meaningful orders in the future.
- We operate in a competitive industry. We expect that the level of competition will increase and the nature of our competitors will change as we develop new LFP battery products for, and enter into, new markets, and as the competitive landscape evolves. These competitive and other factors could result in lost potential sales and lower average selling prices and profitability for our products.
- We may not succeed in our medium- and long-term strategy of entering into new end markets for LFP batteries and our success depends, in part, on our ability to successfully develop and manufacture new products for, and acquire customers in, these new markets and successfully grow our operations and production capabilities (including, in time, our ability to manufacture solid-state cells in-house).
- We currently rely on two suppliers to provide our LFP cells and a single supplier for the manufacture of our battery management system. Any disruption in the operations of these key suppliers could adversely affect our business and results of operations.
- We may not be able to accurately estimate future demand for our LFP batteries, and our failure to accurately predict our production requirements could result in additional costs or delays.
- We are currently, and likely will continue to be, dependent on a single manufacturing facility. If our facility becomes inoperable for any reason, or our automation and expansion plans do not yield the desired effects, our ability to produce our products could be negatively impacted.
- Lithium-ion battery cells have been observed to catch fire or release smoke and flame in certain circumstances, which may have a negative impact on our reputation and business.
- We may be subject to product liability claims, which could harm our financial condition and liquidity if we are not able to successfully defend or insure against such claims.
- We currently rely on software and hardware that is complex and technical, and we expect that our reliance will increase in the future with the introduction of future products. If we are unable to manage the risks inherent in these complex technologies, or if we are unable to address or mitigate technical limitations in our systems, our business could be adversely affected.

Risks Related to Dragonfly's Solid-State Technology Development

- We face significant engineering challenges in our attempts to develop and manufacture solid-state battery cells and these efforts may be delayed or fail which could negatively impact our business.
- We expect to make significant investments in our continued research and development of solid-state battery technology development, and we may be unable to adequately control the costs associated with manufacturing our solid-state battery cells.
- If our solid-state batteries fail to perform as expected, our ability to further develop, market and sell our solid-state batteries could be harmed.
- We expect to rely on machinery used in other large-scale commercial applications, modified to incorporate our proprietary technologies and processes, in order to mass produce solid-state battery cells. This exposes us to a significant degree of risk and uncertainty in terms of scaling production, operational performance and costs.

Risks Related to Intellectual Property

- We rely heavily upon our intellectual property portfolio. If we are unable to protect our intellectual property rights, our business and competitive position would be harmed.
- We may need to defend ourselves against intellectual property infringement claims, which may be time-consuming and could cause us to incur substantial costs.
- Our current and future patent applications may not result in issued patents, or our patent rights may be contested, circumvented, invalidated or limited in scope, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our ability to prevent others from commercially exploiting products similar to ours.

General Risk Factors

- The uncertainty in global economic conditions, including as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict, could negatively affect our results of operations.
- Currency fluctuations, trade barriers, tariffs or shortages and other general economic or political conditions may limit our ability to obtain key components for our battery packs or significantly increase freight charges, raw material costs and other expenses associated with our business, which could further materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.
- The loss of one or more members of our senior management team, other key personnel or our failure to attract additional qualified personnel may adversely affect our business and our ability to achieve our anticipated level of growth.
- Our operating and financial results forecast relies in large part upon assumptions and analyses developed by us. If these assumptions or analyses prove to be incorrect, our actual operating results may be materially different from our forecasted results.
- Our website, systems, and the data we maintain may be subject to intentional disruption, security incidents, or alleged violations of laws, regulations, or other obligations relating to data handling, which could result in liability and adversely impact our reputation and future sales.
- If we fail to manage our growth effectively, we may be unable to execute our business plan, maintain high levels of customer service, or adequately address competitive challenges.
- We may expand our business through acquisitions in the future, and any future acquisition may not be accretive and may negatively affect our business.
- Our operations are subject to a variety of environmental, health and safety rules that can bring scrutiny from regulatory agencies and increase our costs.
- We are subject to anti-corruption, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering, financial and economic sanctions and similar laws, and non-compliance with such laws can subject us to administrative, civil and criminal fines and penalties, collateral consequences, remedial measures and legal expenses, all of which could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and reputation.

- From time to time, we may be involved in legal proceedings and commercial or contractual disputes, which could have an adverse impact on our profitability and consolidated financial position.
- Environmental, social and governance matters may cause us to incur additional costs.

Risks Related to Dragonfly's Financial Position and Capital Requirements

- Our business is capital intensive, and we may not be able to raise additional capital on attractive terms, if at all. Any further indebtedness we incur may limit our operational flexibility in the future.
- Restrictions imposed by our outstanding indebtedness and any future indebtedness may limit our ability to operate our business and to finance our future operations or capital needs or to engage in acquisitions or other business activities necessary to achieve growth.
- We will enter into the definitive documentation with respect to the Term Loan for the purposes of consummating the Business Combination which may adversely affect our leverage and financial condition and thus negatively impact the value of our shareholders' investment in us.
- Dragonfly's management has identified material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting. These material weaknesses could continue to adversely affect its, and following the Business Combination, New Dragonfly's ability to report its results of operations and financial condition accurately and in a timely manner.

Risks Related to Ownership of Chardan Securities and the Business Combination

- The Sponsor and the Insiders have agreed to vote in favor of the Business Combination, regardless of how Chardan's public stockholders vote.
- The Sponsor, certain members of the Chardan Board and certain Chardan officers have interests in the Business Combination that are different from or are in addition to the Chardan stockholders in recommending that stockholders vote in favor of approval of the Business Combination Proposal and approval of the other proposals described in this proxy statement.
- The Sponsor may have interests in the Business Combination different from the interests of Chardan's public stockholders.
- The Sponsor, Chardan's directors and affiliates of Chardan's management team may receive a positive return on the 3,162,500 Founder Shares and 4,627,858 private placement warrants even if Chardan's public stockholders experience a negative return on their investment after consummation of the Business Combination.
- Our private placement warrants are currently accounted for as liabilities and the changes in value of our warrants could have a material effect on our financial results.
- Chardan and, following the Business Combination, New Dragonfly, may face litigation and other risks as a result of the material weakness in Chardan's internal control over financial reporting.
- The Nasdaq may not continue to list our securities, which could limit investors' ability to make transactions in our securities and subject us to additional trading restrictions.
- Future resales of our outstanding securities, including the registration of securities for resale under the Registration Rights Agreement, may cause the market price of our securities to drop significantly, even if our business is doing well.
- The Sponsor is liable to ensure that proceeds of the trust are not reduced by vendor claims in the event an initial business combination is not consummated. It has also agreed to pay for any liquidation expenses if an initial business combination is not consummated. Such liability may have influenced the Sponsor's decision to approve the Business Combination.
- The exercise of Chardan's directors' and officers' discretion in agreeing to changes or waivers in the terms of the Business Combination may result in a conflict of interest when determining whether such changes to the terms of the Business Combination or waivers of conditions are appropriate and in Chardan's stockholders' best interest.

- If Chardan is unable to complete the Business Combination or another initial business combination by August 13, 2022 (unless this deadline is extended pursuant to Chardan’s covenant to extend such deadline under the Business Combination Agreement and pursuant to the Chardan Organizational Documents), Chardan will cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, redeeming 100% of the outstanding public shares and, subject to the approval of its remaining stockholders and the Chardan Board, dissolving and liquidating. In such event, third parties may bring claims against Chardan and, as a result, the proceeds held in the trust account could be reduced and the per-share liquidation price received by stockholders could be less than \$10.00 per share.
- Chardan’s stockholders may be held liable for claims by third parties against Chardan to the extent of distributions received by them.
- We may not have sufficient funds to satisfy indemnification claims of our directors and officers.
- Chardan’s public stockholders will experience immediate dilution as a consequence of, among other transactions, the issuance of Chardan common stock as consideration in the Business Combination, the PIPE Investment and the Term Loan and the Equity Facility. Having a minority share position may reduce the influence that Chardan’s current stockholders have on the management of New Dragonfly.
- The Sponsor, the PIPE Investor and the Equity Facility Investor will beneficially own a significant equity interest in Chardan and may take actions that conflict with your interests.
- Our Sponsor, directors or officers or their affiliates may elect to purchase shares from public stockholders, which could reduce the number of shares that may be redeemed in connection with the Business Combination and reduce the public “float” of Chardan common stock.
- We may issue additional shares of Chardan common stock or other equity securities without your approval, which would dilute your ownership interests and may depress the market price of your shares.
- The unaudited pro forma financial information included elsewhere in this proxy statement may not be indicative of what New Dragonfly’s actual financial position or results of operations would have been.
- Chardan and Dragonfly have incurred and expect to incur significant costs associated with the Business Combination. Whether or not the Business Combination is completed, the incurrence of these costs will reduce the amount of cash available to be used for other corporate purposes by Chardan if the Business Combination is not completed.
- We may redeem unexpired warrants prior to their exercise at a time that is disadvantageous to warrant holders, thereby making their warrants worthless.
- There is no guarantee that the public warrants will ever be “in the money,” and they may expire worthless and the terms of Chardan’s warrants may be amended.
- We may amend the terms of the warrants in a manner that may be adverse to holders with the approval by the holders of at least a majority of the then-outstanding warrants. As a result, the exercise price of our warrants could be increased, the exercise period could be shortened and the number of shares of Chardan common stock purchasable upon exercise of a warrant could be decreased without a warrant holder’s approval.
- A provision in Chardan’s Warrant Agreement may make it more difficult for Chardan to consummate the Business Combination.
- Our ability to successfully effect the Business Combination and to be successful thereafter will be dependent upon the efforts of certain key personnel, including the key personnel of Dragonfly whom we expect to stay with the post-combination business following the Business Combination. The loss of key personnel could negatively impact the operations and profitability of our post-combination business and its financial condition could suffer as a result.
- Chardan and Dragonfly will be subject to business uncertainties and contractual restrictions while the Business Combination is pending.

- The ability of Chardan’s public stockholders to exercise redemption rights with respect to a large number of shares of Chardan’s Class A common stock could reduce the amount of working capital available to New Dragonfly upon the closing of the Transaction.
- Unanticipated changes in effective tax rates or adverse outcomes resulting from examination of our income or other tax returns could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.
- Going public through a merger rather than an underwritten offering presents risks to unaffiliated investors. Subsequent to completion of the Business Combination, New Dragonfly may be required to take write-downs or write-offs, restructure its operations, or take impairment or other charges, any of which could have a significant negative effect on New Dragonfly’s financial condition, results of operations and New Dragonfly’s stock price, which could cause you to lose some or all of your investment.
- The availability of dissenter’s rights under Nevada law for Dragonfly stockholders in connection with the Business Combination could have an adverse impact on the economic benefits of the Business Combination.
- Risks Related to the PIPE Securities issued in the private placement will be restricted securities and will not be registered upon issuance and therefore will be subject to securities law restrictions on transferability until such time as the resale of such securities is registered or an exemption from registration is available.
- There can be no assurance that Chardan will be able to raise sufficient capital to consummate the Transaction or for use by New Dragonfly following the Transaction.

Risks Related to the Redemption

- You must tender your shares of Chardan common stock in order to validly seek redemption at the special meeting.
- Public stockholders, together with any affiliates of theirs or any other person with whom they are acting in concert or as a “group,” will be restricted from seeking redemption rights with respect to more than 20% of the public shares.
- There is no guarantee that a stockholder’s decision whether to redeem its shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account will put the stockholder in a better future economic position.
- The nominal purchase price paid by our Sponsor for the Founder Shares may significantly dilute the implied value of your public shares in the event we consummate an initial business combination, and our Sponsor is likely to make a substantial profit on its investment in us in the event we consummate an initial business combination, even if the business combination causes the trading price of our public shares to materially decline.

Risks If the Adjournment Proposal Is Not Approved

- If the Adjournment Proposal is not approved, and an insufficient number of votes have been obtained to authorize the consummation of the Business Combination, the Chardan Board will not have the ability to adjourn the special meeting to a later date in order to solicit further votes, and, therefore, the Business Combination will not be approved.

Risks Related to Ownership of New Dragonfly’s Common Stock

- If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about New Dragonfly, or publish negative reports, New Dragonfly’s stock price and trading volume could decline.
- If the Business Combination’s benefits do not meet the expectations of investors, stockholders or financial analysts, the market price of New Dragonfly’s securities may decline. Additionally, trading prices for New Dragonfly’s securities could be highly volatile, and purchasers of New Dragonfly securities could incur substantial losses.
- An active trading market for New Dragonfly’s securities may not be available on a consistent basis to provide stockholders with adequate liquidity.

- Warrants will become exercisable for New Dragonfly’s common stock, which would increase the number of shares eligible for future resale in the public market and result in dilution to New Dragonfly’s stockholders.
- New Dragonfly’s operating results may fluctuate significantly following the Business Combination, which makes its future operating results difficult to predict and could cause its operating results to fall below expectations or any guidance it may provide.
- Changes in laws, regulations or rules, or a failure to comply with any laws, regulations or rules, may adversely affect New Dragonfly’s business, investments and results of operations.
- New Dragonfly does not intend to pay dividends on its common stock and, consequently, your ability to achieve a return on your investment will depend on appreciation in the price of New Dragonfly’s common stock.
- The rights of holders of Chardan and Dragonfly capital stock will change as a result of the Business Combination.
- The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, as will be in effect following the completion of the Business Combination, will designate specific courts as the exclusive forum for substantially all stockholder litigation matters, which could limit the ability of New Dragonfly’s stockholders to obtain a favorable forum for disputes with New Dragonfly or its directors, officers or employees.
- The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, as will be in effect following the completion of the Business Combination, could discourage another company from acquiring New Dragonfly and may prevent attempts by its stockholders to replace or remove its management.
- New Dragonfly will be an emerging growth company and any decision to comply only with certain reduced reporting and disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies could make New Dragonfly’s common stock less attractive to investors.
- If New Dragonfly fails to maintain an effective system of disclosure controls and internal control over financial reporting, New Dragonfly’s ability to produce timely and accurate financial statements or comply with applicable regulations could be impaired, which may adversely affect investor confidence in New Dragonfly and, as a result, the market price of New Dragonfly common stock.
- Insiders will continue to have substantial influence over New Dragonfly after the Business Combination, which could limit your ability to affect the outcome of key transactions, including a change of control.
- Following the Closing, New Dragonfly will incur significant increased expenses and administrative burdens as a public company, which could have an adverse effect on its business, financial condition and operating results.
- Because there are no current plans to pay cash dividends on the New Dragonfly common stock for the foreseeable future, you may not receive any return on investment unless you sell your New Dragonfly common stock at a price greater than what you paid for it.
- Future resales of our outstanding securities, including the registration of securities for resale under the Registration Rights Agreement, may cause the market price of our securities to drop significantly, even if our business is doing well.
- We may not have sufficient funds to satisfy indemnification claims of our directors and officers.
- Chardan’s public stockholders will experience immediate dilution as a consequence of, among other transactions, the issuance of Chardan common stock as consideration in the Business Combination, the PIPE Investment, the Term Loan and the Equity Facility. Having a minority share position may reduce the influence that Chardan’s current stockholders have on the management of New Dragonfly.
- We may issue additional shares of Chardan common stock or other equity securities without your approval, which would dilute your ownership interests and may depress the market price of your shares.
- We may redeem unexpired warrants prior to their exercise at a time that is disadvantageous to warrant holders, thereby making their warrants worthless.
- There is no guarantee that the public warrants will ever be “in the money,” and they may expire worthless and the terms of Chardan’s warrants may be amended.

SUMMARY HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF DRAGONFLY

The information presented below is derived from Dragonfly's audited financial statements included elsewhere in this proxy statement for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Dragonfly's historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any other period in the future. You should read the selected historical financial data set forth below together with Dragonfly's financial statements and the accompanying notes included elsewhere in this proxy statement, the information in the section entitled "*Dragonfly's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*," and other financial information contained elsewhere in this proxy statement.

Dragonfly is providing the following selected historical consolidated financial information to assist you in your analysis of the financial aspects of the Business Combination.

	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
	(in thousands)	
Net Sales	\$78,000	\$47,187
Cost of Goods Sold	48,375	26,580
Gross profit	29,625	20,607
Operating expenses		
Research and development	2,689	1,239
Sales and marketing	10,621	4,662
General and administrative	9,848	5,960
Total Operating expenses	23,158	11,861
Income From Operations	6,467	8,746
Other Income		
Other Income	1	15
Interest Income	(519)	3
Gain on disposition of assets	—	—
Total Other Income	(518)	18
Income Before Taxes	5,949	8,764
Income Tax Expense	1,611	1,886
Net Income	<u>\$ 4,338</u>	<u>\$ 6,878</u>
	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
	(in thousands)	
Balance Sheet Data:		
Cash	\$25,586	\$ 6,206
Total Assets	\$76,251	\$18,807
Total Liabilities	\$60,190	\$ 8,252
Total Equity	\$14,061	\$ 8,555
Total Liabilities, Redeemable Preferred Stock and Shareholders' Equity	\$76,251	\$18,807

SUMMARY HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF CHARDAN

Chardan is providing the following summary historical financial information to assist you in your analysis of the financial aspects of the Business Combination.

Chardan's statements of operations and cash flows data for the year ended December 31, 2021 and for the period from June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020 and consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 are derived from Chardan's audited financial statements included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus.

This information is only a summary and should be read in conjunction with Chardan's financial statements and related notes and the sections entitled "*Chardan's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*" included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus. The historical results included below and elsewhere in this proxy statement are not indicative of the future performance of Chardan.

	As of December 31,	
	2021	2020
Balance Sheet Data:		
Cash	\$ 800	\$25
Investments held in Trust Account	\$128,421	\$—
Total assets	\$129,524	\$25
Total liabilities	\$ 2,150	\$ 1
Common stock subject to possible redemption	\$128,398	\$—
Total stockholders' deficit	\$ (1,024)	\$24
	For the Year Ended	For the period from
	December 31, 2021	June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020
Statement of Operations Data:		
Loss from operations	\$ (358)	\$ (1)
Warrant issuance costs	\$ (19)	\$ —
Loss on sale of private warrants	\$ (1,254)	\$ —
Change in fair value of warrant liability	\$ 3,517	\$ —
Net gain on investments held in Trust Account	\$ 24	\$ —
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,910	\$ (1)
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	7,732,021	2,750,000
Basic net income (loss) per share of common stock	\$ 0.25	\$ —
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	7,991,952	2,750,000
Diluted net income (loss) per share of common stock	\$ 0.24	\$ —
Statement of Cash Flows Data:		
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (547)	\$ —
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (128,398)	\$ —
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ 129,719	\$ 25

SUMMARY UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following summary unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data (the “*Summary Pro Forma Information*”) gives effect to the Business Combination and related transactions. The Business Combination will be accounted for as a reverse recapitalization, in accordance with GAAP. Under this method of accounting, Chardan will be treated as the “acquired” company for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, the Business Combination will be reflected as the equivalent of Dragonfly issuing shares for the net assets of Chardan, followed by a recapitalization whereby no goodwill or other intangible assets are recorded. Operations prior to the Business Combination will be those of Dragonfly. There will be no accounting effect or change in the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities as a result of the Business Combination. The summary unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet as of December 31, 2021 gives effect to the Business Combination as if it had occurred on December 31, 2021. The summary unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2021 gives effect to the Business Combination as if they had occurred on January 1, 2021.

The Summary Pro Forma Information has been derived from, and should be read in conjunction with, the more detailed unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information included in the section titled “*Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information*” in this proxy statement/prospectus and the accompanying notes thereto. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information is based upon, and should be read in conjunction with, the historical financial statements and related notes of Chardan and Dragonfly for the applicable periods included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus. The Summary Pro Forma Information has been presented for informational purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of what Dragonfly’s financial position or results of operations actually would have been had the Business Combination been completed as of the dates indicated. In addition, the Summary Pro Forma Information does not purport to project the future financial position or operating results of Dragonfly following the reverse recapitalization.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information has been prepared using the assumptions below with respect to the potential redemption into cash of Chardan ordinary shares:

- **Assuming No Redemptions:** This scenario assumes that no public stockholders of Chardan exercise redemption rights with respect to their public shares for a pro rata share of the funds in the Trust Account.
- **Assuming Maximum Redemptions:** This scenario assumes that 12,650,000 shares of Chardan common stock subject to redemption are redeemed for an aggregate payment of approximately \$128.4 million (based on an estimated per share redemption price of approximately \$10.15 that was calculated using the \$128.4 million of cash in the Trust Account divided by 12,650,000 Chardan shares of Common Stock subject to redemption assuming the pro forma maximum redemption scenario pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement).

	Pro Forma Combined	
	Assuming No Redemptions	Assuming Maximum Redemptions
Summary Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statement of Operations Data For the Year Ended December 31, 2021		
Net loss	\$ (24,663)	\$ (16,663)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.45)	\$ (0.40)
Weighted average shares outstanding	54,547,533	41,897,533
Summary Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet Data As of December 31, 2021		
Total assets	\$ 204,447	\$ 84,026
Total liabilities	\$ 77,452	\$ 77,452
Total stockholders’ equity (deficit)	\$ 126,995	\$ 6,574

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This proxy statement contains certain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including certain financial forecasts and projections. All statements other than statements of historical fact contained in this proxy statement, including statements as to the transactions contemplated by the business combination and related agreements, future results of operations and financial position, revenue and other metrics, planned products and services, business strategy and plans, objectives of management for future operations of Dragonfly, market size and growth opportunities, competitive position and technological and market trends, are forward-looking statements. Some of these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words, including “may,” “should,” “expect,” “intend,” “will,” “estimate,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “predict,” “plan,” “targets,” “projects,” “could,” “would,” “continue,” “forecast” or the negatives of these terms or variations of them or similar expressions. All forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors (some of which are beyond the control of Dragonfly or Chardan) which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are based upon estimates, forecasts and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by Chardan and its management, and Dragonfly and its management, as the case may be, are inherently uncertain and many factors may cause the actual results to differ materially from current expectations.

Factors that may impact such forward-looking statements include:

- the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Business Combination Agreement;
- the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against Chardan, Dragonfly or others following announcement of the Business Combination and the transactions contemplated in the Business Combination Agreement;
- the inability to complete the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement due to the failure to obtain approval of the stockholders of Chardan or other conditions to closing in the Business Combination Agreement;
- the ability to obtain or maintain the listing of New Dragonfly common stock on the Nasdaq following the Business Combination;
- changes to the proposed structure of the Business Combination that may be required or appropriate as a result of applicable laws or regulations or as a condition to obtaining regulatory approval of the Business Combination;
- the ability to meet Nasdaq’s listing standards following the consummation of the business Combination;
- the risk that the proposed transaction disrupts current plans and operations of Dragonfly as a result of the announcement and consummation of the Business Combination;
- the inability to recognize the anticipated benefits of the Business Combination, which may be affected by, among other things, the ability of New Dragonfly to grow and manage growth profitably, maintain relationships with customers, compete within its industry and retain its key employees;
- the ability of Dragonfly to successfully increase market penetration into its target markets
- the addressable markets that Dragonfly intends to target do not grow as expected;
- the loss of any key executives;
- the loss of any relationships with key suppliers including suppliers in China;
- the loss of any relationships with key customers;
- the inability to protect Dragonfly’s patents and other intellectual property;

- the failure to successfully optimize solid state cells or to produce commercially viable solid state cells in a timely manner or at all, or to scale to mass production;
- costs related to the proposed Business Combination;
- changes in applicable laws or regulations;
- the possibility that Dragonfly or the combined company may be adversely affected by other economic, business and/or competitive factors;
- Dragonfly’s estimates of its growth and projected financial results for 2022 and 2023 and meeting or satisfying the underlying assumptions with respect thereto;
- the risk that the Business Combination may not be completed in a timely manner or at all, which may adversely affect the price of Chardan’s securities;
- the risk that the transaction may not be completed by Chardan’s Business Combination deadline (as may be extended pursuant to Chardan’s governing documents);
- the impact of the novel coronavirus disease pandemic, including any mutations or variants thereof, and its effect on business and financial conditions;
- inability to complete the PIPE investment, the term loan and equity line (ChEF) in connection with the Business Combination; and
- New Dragonfly’s ability to raise additional capital to fund its operations;
- New Dragonfly’s ability to generate revenue from future product sales and its ability to achieve and maintain profitability;
- the accuracy of New Dragonfly’s projections and estimates regarding its expenses, capital requirements, cash utilization, and need for additional financing;
- the expected uses of the net proceeds from the Business Combination;
- the potential scope and value of New Dragonfly’s intellectual property and proprietary rights;
- developments relating to New Dragonfly’s competitors and its industry;
- New Dragonfly’s ability to engage target customers and successfully convert these customers into meaningful orders in the future;
- New Dragonfly’s reliance on two suppliers for its LFP cells and a single supplier for the manufacture of its battery management system;
- New Dragonfly’s likely dependence on a single manufacturing facility;
- New Dragonfly’s increasing reliance on software and hardware that is highly complex and technical; and
- other risks and uncertainties indicated in this proxy statement/prospectus, including those under the heading “*Risk Factors*” in this proxy statement/prospectus, and other filings that have been made or will be made with the SEC by Chardan and New Dragonfly, as applicable.

The forward-looking statements contained in this proxy statement are based on Chardan’s and Dragonfly’s current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects on the Business Combination and Dragonfly. There can be no assurance that future developments affecting Chardan and/or Dragonfly will be those that Chardan or Dragonfly has anticipated. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties (some of which are beyond Chardan’s and/or Dragonfly’s control) or other assumptions that may cause actual results or performance to be materially different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those factors described under the heading “*Risk Factors*.” Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any of the assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary in material respects from those projected in these forward-looking statements. Chardan and Dragonfly will not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws.

Before a stockholder grants its proxy or instructs how its vote should be cast or votes on the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal, the ESPP Proposal or the Adjournment Proposal, it should be aware that the occurrence of the events described in the “*Risk Factors*” section and elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus may adversely affect Chardan and Dragonfly.

RISK FACTORS

The following risk factors will apply to the business and operations of New Dragonfly following the Closing. These risk factors are not exhaustive and stockholders should carefully consider the following risk factors in addition to the other information included in this proxy statement/prospectus, including matters addressed in the section entitled “Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements,” before deciding how to vote their shares of Chardan common stock. Please see the section entitled “Where You Can Find More Information” in this proxy statement/prospectus. The occurrence of one or more of the events or circumstances described in these risk factors, alone or in combination with other events or circumstances, may adversely affect the ability to complete or realize the anticipated benefits of the Business Combination, and may have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and operating results of Dragonfly and New Dragonfly following the Business Combination. The risks discussed below may not prove to be exhaustive and are based on certain assumptions made by Chardan and Dragonfly that later may prove to be incorrect or incomplete. Chardan, Dragonfly and New Dragonfly may face additional risks and uncertainties that are not presently known to Chardan or Dragonfly or that Chardan and Dragonfly currently deem immaterial, which may also impair New Dragonfly’s business, financial condition or operating results. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the financial statements of Dragonfly and the financial statements of Chardan and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus.

Unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this section to “we,” “us,” or “our” refer to Dragonfly and its subsidiaries prior to the Closing and the business and operations of New Dragonfly as directly or indirectly affected by Dragonfly by virtue of New Dragonfly’s ownership of the business of Dragonfly.

Risks Related to Dragonfly’s Existing Lithium-Ion Battery Operations

Our business and future growth depends on the needs and success of our customers.

The demand for our products, including sales to original equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”), ultimately depends on consumers in our current end markets (primarily owners of recreational vehicles (“RVs”), marine vessels and off-grid residences). The performance and growth of these markets is impacted by numerous factors, including macro-economic conditions, consumer spending, travel restrictions, fuel costs and energy demands (including an increasing trend towards the use of green energy). Increases or decreases in these variables may significantly impact the demand for our products. If we fail to accurately predict demand, we may be unable to meet our customers’ needs, resulting in the loss of potential sales, or we may produce excess products, resulting in increased inventory and overcapacity in our production facilities, increasing our unit production cost and decreasing our operating margins.

An increasing proportion of our revenue has been and is expected to continue to be derived from sales to RV OEMs. Our RV OEM sales have been on a purchase order basis, without firm revenue commitments, and we expect that this will likely continue to be the case. For example, under our supply arrangement with Keystone RV Company (“Keystone”), the largest manufacturer of towable RVs in North America, Keystone has agreed to fulfill certain of its LFP battery requirements exclusively through us for at least one year, with potential annual renewals. However, although in time we expect Keystone to be significant contributor to our projected growth in RV OEM battery sales, this arrangement may not deliver the anticipated benefits, as there are no firm purchase commitments, sales will continue to be made on a purchase order basis, Keystone is permitted to purchase other LFP batteries from third parties and this arrangement may not be renewed. Increased overall RV OEM sales may not materialize as expected or at all and we may fail to achieve our targeted sales levels. Future RV OEM sales are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including the number of RVs that these OEMs manufacture and sell (which can be impacted by a variety of events including those disrupting our OEM customers’ operations due to supply chain disruptions or labor constraints); the degree to which our OEM customers incorporate/design-in our batteries into their RV product lines; the extent to which RV owners, if applicable, opt to purchase our batteries upon initial purchase of their RV or in the aftermarket; and our continued ability to successfully develop and introduce reliable and cost-effective batteries meeting evolving industry standards and customer specifications and preferences. Our failure to adequately address any of these risks may result in lost sales which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, our near-term growth depends, in part, on the continued growth of the end markets in which we currently operate. Although the total addressable market for RVs, marine vessels and off-grid residences is estimated to reach \$12 billion by 2025, these markets may not grow as expected or at all, and we may be unable to maintain existing customers and/or attract new customers in these markets. Our failure to maintain or expand our share of these growing markets could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may not be able to engage target customers successfully and convert these customers into meaningful orders in the future.

Our success, and our ability to increase sales and operate profitably, depends on our ability to identify target customers and convert these customers into meaningful orders, as well as our continued development of existing customer relationships. Although we have developed a multi-pronged sales and marketing strategy to penetrate our end markets and reach a range of customers, this strategy may not continue to be effective in reaching or converting target customers into orders, or as we expand into additional markets. Recently, we have also dedicated more resources to developing relationships with certain key RV OEMs, such as Keystone, which we aim to convert into collaborations on custom designs and/or long term contractual arrangements. We may be unable to convert these relationships into meaningful orders or renew these arrangements going forward, which may require us to expend additional cost and management resources to engage other target customers.

Our sales to any future or current customers may decrease for reasons outside our control, including loss of market share by customers to whom we supply products, reduced or delayed customer requirements, supply and/or manufacturing issues affecting production, reputational harm or continued price reductions. Furthermore, in order to attract and convert customers we must continue to develop batteries that address our current and future customers' needs. Our failure to achieve any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We operate in a competitive industry. We expect that the level of competition will increase and the nature of our competitors will change as we develop new LFP battery products for, and enter into, new markets, and as the competitive landscape evolves. These competitive and other factors could result in lost potential sales and lower average selling prices and profitability for our products.

We compete with traditional lead-acid battery manufacturers and lithium-ion battery manufacturers, who primarily either import their products or components or manufacture products under a private label. As we continue to expand into new markets, develop new products and move towards production of our solid-state cells, we will experience competition with a wider range of companies. These include companies focused on solid-state cell production, vertically integrated energy companies and other technology-focused energy storage companies. We believe our main competitive advantage in displacing incumbent lead-acid batteries is that we produce a lighter, safer, higher performing, cost-effective battery with a longer lifespan. We believe our go-to-market strategy, established brand, proven reliability and relationships with OEMs and end consumers both (i) enable us to compete effectively against other battery manufacturers and (ii) position us favorably to expand into new addressable markets. However, we may be unable to maintain this competitive advantage given the rapidly developing nature of the industry in which we operate.

Our current competitors have, and future competitors may have, greater resources than we do. Our competitors may be able to devote greater resources to the development of their current and future technologies. These competitors may also be able to devote greater resources to sales and marketing efforts, affording them great access to customers, and may be able to establish cooperative or strategic relationships amongst themselves or with third parties that may further enhance their competitive positioning. In addition, foreign producers may be able to employ labor at significantly lower costs than producers in the United States, expand their export capacity and increase their marketing presence in our major end markets. We expect actual and potential competitors to continue their efforts to develop alternative battery technologies and introduce new products with more desirable, attractive features. These new technologies and products may be introduced sooner than our offerings and could gain greater market acceptance. Although we believe we are a leader in developing solid-state battery technology (particularly for the RV, marine vessel and off-grid residence markets which require cost-effective batteries with a long-life span), new competitors may emerge, alternative

approaches to solid-state battery technology may be developed and competitors may seek to market solid-state battery technologies better suited for other applications (such as electric vehicles (“EVs”)) to our target markets.

Additional competitive and other factors may result in lost sales opportunities and declines in average sales prices and overall product profitability. These include rapidly evolving technologies, industry standards, economic conditions and end-customer preferences. Our failure to adapt to or address these factors as they arise could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may not succeed in our medium- and long-term strategy of entering into new end markets for LFP batteries and our success depends, in part, on our ability to successfully develop and manufacture new products for, and acquire customers in, these new markets and successfully grow our operations and production capabilities (including, in time, our ability to manufacture solid-state cells in-house).

Our future success depends, in part, upon our ability to expand into additional end markets identified by us as opportunities for our LFP batteries. These markets include industrial vehicles, specialty and work vehicles, and emergency and standby power, as well as solar integration in off-grid residences, in the medium term, and material handling, on-grid storage, telecom, and data centers in the longer term. Our ability to expand into these markets depends on a number of factors, including the continued growth of these markets, having sufficient capital to expand our product offerings (including in the longer term batteries incorporating, once developed, our solid-state cells) and manufacturing capacity, developing products adapted to customer needs and preferences in these markets, our successful expansion of our manufacturing capabilities in order to meet customer demand, our ability to identify and convert potential customers within these markets and our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel to assist in these efforts. Although we intend to devote resources and management time to understanding these new markets, we may face difficulties in understanding and accurately predicting the demographics, preferences and purchasing habits of customers and consumers in these markets. If we fail to execute on our growth strategies in accordance with our expectations, our sales growth would be limited to the growth of existing products and existing end markets, and this could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Further, if we are unable to manage the growth of our operations effectively to match the growth in sales, we may incur unexpected expenses and be unable to meet our customers’ requirements, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. A key component of our growth strategy is the expansion and automation of our manufacturing sales capacity to address expected growing product demand and to accommodate our production of solid-state cells at scale. This would require the successful automation of additional aspects of our production process, maximizing the capacity of our manufacturing facility from the two lines currently in operation to six lines and implementing production lines specifically adapted to solid-state technology. We have experienced supply delays in obtaining the necessary components to implement our automated adhesive application systems, and we may continue to experience component shortages in the future. The costs of our expansion and automation efforts may be greater than expected, and we may fail to achieve anticipated cost efficiencies, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We must also attract, train and retain a significant number of skilled employees, including engineers, sales and marketing personnel, customer support personnel and management, and the availability of such personnel may be constrained. Failure to effectively manage our growth could also lead us to over-invest or under-invest in development and operations; result in weaknesses in our infrastructure, systems or controls; give rise to operational mistakes, financial losses, loss of productivity or business opportunities; and result in loss of employees and reduced productivity of remaining employees, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We currently rely on two suppliers to provide our LFP cells and a single supplier for the manufacture of our battery management system. Any disruption in the operations of these key suppliers could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

We currently rely on two carefully selected cell manufacturers located in China, and a single supplier, also located in China, to manufacture our proprietary battery management system, and we intend to continue to rely on these suppliers going forward.

Our dependence on a limited number of key third-party suppliers exposes us to challenges and risks in ensuring that we maintain adequate supplies required to produce our LFP batteries. Although we carefully manage our inventory and lead-times, we may experience a delay or disruption in our supply chain and/or our current suppliers may not continue to provide us with LFP cells or our battery management systems in our required quantities or to our required specifications and quality levels or at attractive prices. Our close working relationships with our China-based LFP cell suppliers to-date, reflected in our ability to increase our purchase order volumes (qualifying us for related volume-based discounts) and to order and receive delivery of cells in advance of required demand, has helped us moderate or offset increased supply-related costs associated with currency fluctuations and tariffs imposed on our battery cell imports by the U.S. government and avoid potential shipment delays. If we are unable to enter into or maintain commercial agreements with these suppliers on favorable terms, or if any of these suppliers experience unanticipated delays, disruptions or shutdowns or other difficulties ramping up their supply of products or materials to meet our requirements, our manufacturing operations and customer deliveries would be seriously impacted, potentially resulting in liquidated damages and harm to our customer relationships. Although we believe we could locate alternative suppliers to fulfill our needs, we may be unable to find a sufficient alternative supply in a reasonable time or on commercially reasonable terms.

Further, our dependence on these third-party suppliers entails additional risks, including:

- inability, failure or unwillingness of third-party suppliers to comply with regulatory requirements;
- breach of supply agreements by the third-party suppliers;
- misappropriation or disclosure of our proprietary information, including our trade secrets and know-how;
- relationships that third-party suppliers may have with others, which may include our competitors, and failure of third-party suppliers to adequately fulfill contractual duties, resulting in the need to enter into alternative arrangements, which may not be available, desirable or cost-effective; and
- termination or nonrenewal of agreements by third-party suppliers at times that are costly or inconvenient for us.

We may not be able to accurately estimate future demand for our LFP batteries, and our failure to accurately predict our production requirements could result in additional costs or delays.

We seek to maintain an approximately one-year supply of LFP cells and six-month supply of all other components by pre-ordering components in advance of expected demand. However, our business and customer product demand is impacted by trends and factors that may be outside our control. Therefore, our ability to predict our manufacturing requirements is subject to inherent uncertainty. Lead times for materials and components that our suppliers order may vary significantly and depend on factors such as the specific supplier, contract terms and demand for each component at a given time. If we fail to order sufficient quantities of product components in a timely manner, the delivery of our batteries to our customers could be delayed, which would harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

To meet our delivery deadlines, we generally make significant decisions on our production level and timing, procurement, facility requirements, personnel needs and other resources requirements based on our estimate of demand, our past dealings with such customers, economic conditions and other relevant factors. Although we monitor our slow-moving inventory, if customer demand declines significantly, we may have excess inventory which could result in unprofitable sales or write-offs as our products are susceptible to obsolescence and price declines. Expediting additional material to make up for any shortages within a short time frame could result in increased costs and a delay in meeting orders, which would result in lower profits and negatively impact our reputation. In either case, our results of operations would fluctuate from period to period.

In addition, certain of our competitors may have long-standing relationships with suppliers, which may provide them with a competitive pricing advantage for components and reduce their exposure to volatile raw material costs, including due to inflation. As a result, we may face market-driven downward pricing pressures in the future, which may run counter to the cost of the components required to produce our products. Our customers may expect us to cut our costs further and/or to lower the price of our products. We may be unable

to increase our sales volumes to offset lower prices (if we choose to implement lower prices), develop new or enhanced products with higher selling prices or margins, or reduce our costs to levels enabling us to remain competitive. Our failure to accomplish any of the foregoing could have a negative impact on our profitability and our business, financial condition and results of operations may ultimately be materially adversely affected.

We are currently, and will likely continue to be, dependent on a single manufacturing facility. If our facility becomes inoperable for any reason, or our automation and expansion plans do not yield the desired effects, our ability to produce our products could be negatively impacted.

All of our battery assembly currently takes place at our 99,000 square foot headquarters and manufacturing facility located in Reno, Nevada. We currently operate two LFP battery production lines, which has been sufficient to meet customer demand. If one or both production lines were to be inoperable for any period of time, we would face delays in meeting orders, which could prevent us from meeting demand or require us to incur unplanned costs, including capital expenditures.

Our facility may be harmed or rendered inoperable by natural or man-made disasters, including earthquakes, flooding, fire and power outages, utility and transportation infrastructure disruptions, acts of war or terrorism, or by public health crises, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which may render it difficult or impossible for us to manufacture our products for an extended period of time. The inability to produce our products or the backlog that could develop if our manufacturing facility is inoperable for even a short period of time may result in increased costs, harm to our reputation, a loss of customers or a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. Although we maintain property damage and business interruption insurance, this insurance may not be sufficient to cover all of our potential losses and may not continue to be available to us on acceptable terms, if at all.

Over the next [two to three] years we plan to automate additional aspects of our two existing LFP battery production lines, add four additional LFP battery production lines and construct and operate a pilot production line for our solid-state cells, all designed to maximize the capacity of our manufacturing facility. Our plans for automation and expansion may experience delays, incur additional costs or cause disruption to our existing production lines. For example, we have experienced supply delays in obtaining the necessary components to implement our automated adhesive application systems, and we may continue to experience component shortages in the future. The costs to successfully achieve our expansion and automation goals may be greater than we expect, and we may fail to achieve our anticipated cost efficiencies, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Furthermore, while we are generally responsible for delivering products to the customer, we do not maintain our own fleet of delivery vehicles and outsource this function to third parties. Any shortages in trucking capacity, any increase in the cost thereof or any other disruption to the highway systems could limit our ability to deliver our products in a timely manner or at all.

Lithium-ion battery cells have been observed to catch fire or release smoke and flame, which may have a negative impact on our reputation and business.

Our LFP batteries use lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO₄) as the cathode material for lithium-ion cells. LFP is intrinsically safer than other battery technologies due to its thermal and chemical stability and LFP batteries are less flammable than lead-acid batteries or lithium-ion batteries using different chemistries. On rare occasions, however, lithium-ion cells can rapidly release the energy they contain by releasing smoke and flames in a manner that can ignite nearby materials and other lithium-ion cells. This faulty result could subject us to lawsuits, product recalls, or redesign efforts, all of which would be time consuming and expensive. Further, negative public perceptions regarding the suitability or safety of lithium-ion cells or any future incident involving lithium-ion cells, such as a vehicle or other fire, even if such incident does not involve our products, could seriously harm our business and reputation.

To facilitate an uninterrupted supply of battery cells, we store a significant number of lithium-ion cells at our facility. While we have implemented enhanced safety procedures related to the handling of the cells, any mishandling, other safety issue or fire related to the cells could disrupt our operations. In addition, any accident, whether occurring at our manufacturing facility or from the use of our batteries, may result in significant production interruption, delays or claims for substantial damages caused by personal injuries or

property damage. Such damage or injury could lead to adverse publicity and potentially a product recall, which could have a material adverse effect on our brand, business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may be subject to product liability claims, which could harm our financial condition and liquidity if we are not able to successfully defend or insure against such claims.

Product liability claims, even those without merit or that do not involve our products, could result in adverse publicity or damage to our brand, decreased partner and end-customer demand, and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The occurrence of any defects in our products could make us liable for damages and legal claims. In addition, we could incur significant costs to correct such issues, potentially including product recalls. We face an inherent risk of exposure to claims in the event that our products do not perform or are claimed not to have performed as expected. We also face risk of exposure to claims because our products may be installed on vehicles (including RVs and marine vessels) that may be involved in crashes or may not perform as expected resulting in death, personal injury or property damage. Liability claims may result in litigation, the occurrence of which could be costly, lengthy and distracting and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In the future, we may voluntarily or involuntarily initiate a recall if any products prove to be defective or non-compliant with then-applicable safety standards. Such recalls may involve significant expense and diversion of management attention and other resources, which could damage our brand image in our target end markets, as well as have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

A successful product liability claim against us could require us to pay a substantial monetary award. While we maintain product liability insurance, the insurance that we carry may not be sufficient or it may not apply to all situations. Moreover, a product liability claim against us or our competitors could generate substantial negative publicity about our products and business and could have a material adverse effect on our brand, business, financial condition and results of operations.

We currently rely on software and hardware that is complex and technical, and we expect that our reliance will increase in the future with the introduction of future products. If we are unable to manage the risks inherent in these complex technologies, or if we are unable to address or mitigate technical limitations in our systems, our business could be adversely affected.

Each of our batteries include our proprietary battery management system, which relies on software and hardware manufactured by third parties that is complex and technical. In addition, our battery communications system, expected to launch in the first half of 2023, will utilize third party software and hardware to store, retrieve, process and manage data. The software and hardware utilized in these systems may contain errors, bugs, vulnerabilities or defects, which may be difficult to detect and/or manage. Although we attempt to remedy any issues that we observe in our products as effectively and rapidly as possible, such efforts may not be timely, may hamper production, or may not be to the satisfaction of our customers. If we are unable to prevent or effectively remedy errors, bugs, vulnerabilities or defects in the software and hardware that we use, we may suffer damage to our brand, loss of customers, loss of revenue or liability for damages, any of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Risks Related to Dragonfly's Solid-State Technology Development

We face significant engineering challenges in our attempts to develop and manufacture solid-state battery cells and these efforts may be delayed or fail which could negatively impact our business.

Our solid-state battery development efforts are still ongoing, and we may fail to meet our goal of commercially selling LFP batteries incorporating our manufactured solid-state cells by mid- to late-2023, or at all. We may encounter delays in the design, manufacture and launch of our solid-state battery cells, and in increasing production to scale.

Development and engineering challenges could delay or prevent our production of solid-state battery cells. These difficulties may arise in connection with current and future efforts to optimize the chemistry or

physical structure of our solid-state batteries with the goal of enhancing conductivity and power; maximizing cycling capabilities and power results; reducing costs; and developing related mass production manufacturing processes. If we are unable to overcome developmental and engineering challenges, our solid-state battery efforts could fail.

We currently purchase the battery cells incorporated into our LFP batteries and have no experience in manufacturing battery cells. To cost-effectively and rapidly manufacture our solid-state cells at scale for incorporation into our LFP batteries, we plan to utilize currently available spray powder deposition equipment and other commercially available equipment modified to utilize our proprietary dry spray deposition and other technologies and processes. We may experience delays or additional costs in adapting our facility, existing production equipment and LFP battery manufacturing processes (for example, designing a dry room to accommodate our dry spraying processes) to manufacture solid-state cells. Even if we achieve the development and volume production of our solid-state battery that we anticipate, if the cost, cycling and power results or other technology or performance characteristics of the solid-state battery fall short of our targets, our business and results of operations would likely be materially adversely affected.

We expect to make significant investments in our continued research and development of solid-state battery technology development, and we may be unable to adequately control the costs associated with manufacturing our solid-state battery cells.

We will require significant capital to fund our solid-state cell research and development activities, pilot line construction and expansion of our manufacturing capabilities to accommodate large scale production of solid-state cells. We have not yet produced any solid-state battery cells at volume and our forecasted cost advantage for the production of these cells at scale, compared to conventional lithium-ion cells, will require us to achieve rates of throughput, use of electricity and consumables, yield, and rate of automation demonstrated for mature battery, battery material, and ceramic manufacturing processes, that we have not yet achieved. We may not be able to achieve our desired cost benefits and, in turn, we may not be able to provide our solid-state cells at a cost that is attractive to customers. If we are unable to cost-efficiently design, manufacture, market, sell and distribute our solid-state batteries and services, our margins, profitability and prospects would be materially and adversely affected.

If our solid-state batteries fail to perform as expected, our ability to further develop, market and sell our solid-state batteries could be harmed.

Our solid-state battery cells may contain defects in design and manufacture that may cause them to not perform as expected or that may require repairs, recalls and design changes. Our solid-state batteries will incorporate components that have not been used individually or in combination in the same manner as the design of our solid-state cells, and that may result in defects and errors, particularly when produced at scale. We may be unable to detect and fix any defects in our solid-state battery cells prior to their incorporation into our solid-state LFP batteries and sale to potential consumers. If our solid-state batteries fail to perform as expected, we could lose customers, or be forced to delay deliveries, terminate orders or initiate product recalls, each of which could adversely affect our sales and brand and would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We expect to rely on machinery used in other large-scale commercial applications, modified to incorporate our proprietary technologies and processes, in order to mass produce solid-state battery cells, which exposes us to a significant degree of risk and uncertainty in terms of scaling production, operational performance and costs.

We expect to rely on machinery used in other large-scale commercial applications to mass produce our solid-state battery cells. [Doing so will require us to work closely with the equipment provider to modify this machinery to effectively integrate our proprietary solid-state technology and processes in order to create the equipment we need for the production of solid-state cells.] This integration work will involve a significant degree of uncertainty and risk and may result in delays in scaling up production of our solid-state cells or result in additional cost to us.

Such machinery is likely to suffer unexpected malfunctions from time to time and will require repairs and spare parts to resume operations, which may not be available when needed. Unexpected malfunctions may significantly affect the intended operational efficiency of, and therefore expected cost-efficiency associated

with, our production equipment. In addition, because this machinery has not been used to manufacture and assemble solid-state battery cells, the operational performance and costs associated with repairing and maintaining this equipment can be difficult to predict and may be influenced by factors outside of our control, including failures by suppliers to deliver necessary components of our products in a timely manner and at prices acceptable to us, the risk of environmental hazards and the cost of any required remediation and damages or defects already present in the machinery.

Operational problems with our manufacturing equipment could result in personal injury to or death of workers, the loss of production equipment or damage to our manufacturing facility, which could result in monetary losses, delays and unanticipated fluctuations in production. In addition, we may be subject to administrative fines, increased insurance costs or potential legal liabilities. Any of these operational problems could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Risks Related to Intellectual Property

We rely heavily upon our intellectual property portfolio. If we are unable to protect our intellectual property rights, our business and competitive position would be harmed.

We may not be able to prevent unauthorized use of our intellectual property, which could harm our business and competitive position. We rely upon a combination of the intellectual property protections afforded by patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret laws in the United States and other jurisdictions to establish, maintain and enforce rights in our proprietary technologies. In addition, we seek to protect our intellectual property rights through nondisclosure and invention assignment agreements with our employees and consultants, and through non-disclosure agreements with business partners and other third parties. Despite our efforts to protect our proprietary rights, third parties may attempt to copy or otherwise obtain and use our intellectual property. Monitoring unauthorized use of our intellectual property is difficult and costly, and the steps we have taken or will take to prevent unauthorized use may not be sufficient. Any enforcement efforts we undertake, including litigation, could be time-consuming and expensive and could divert management's attention, which could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, available intellectual property laws and contractual remedies in some jurisdictions may afford less protection than needed to safeguard our intellectual property portfolio. Intellectual property laws vary significantly throughout the world. The laws of a number of foreign countries do not protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as do the laws of the United States. Therefore, our intellectual property rights may not be as strong, or as easily enforced, outside of the United States, and efforts to protect against the unauthorized use of our intellectual property rights, technology and other proprietary rights may be more expensive and difficult to undertake outside of the United States. In addition, while we have filed for and obtained certain intellectual property rights in commercially relevant jurisdictions, we have not sought protection for our intellectual property rights in every possible jurisdiction. Failure to adequately protect our intellectual property rights could result in competitors using our intellectual property to make, have made, use, import, develop, have developed, sell or have sold their own products, potentially resulting in the loss of some of our competitive advantage and a decrease in our revenue, which would adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition and operating results.

We may need to defend ourselves against intellectual property infringement claims, which may be time-consuming and could cause us to incur substantial costs.

Companies, organizations or individuals, including our current and future competitors, may hold or obtain intellectual property rights that would prevent, limit or interfere with our ability to make, have made, use, import, develop, have developed, sell or have sold our products, which could make it more difficult for us to operate our business. From time to time, we may receive inquiries from holders of intellectual property rights inquiring whether we are infringing their rights and/or seek court declarations that they do not infringe upon our intellectual property rights. Entities holding intellectual property rights relating to our technology, including, but not limited to, batteries, battery materials, encapsulated powders, spray deposition of battery materials, and alternator regulators, may bring suits alleging infringement of such rights or otherwise asserting their rights and seeking licenses. For example, patents and patent applications owned by third parties may present freedom to operate questions, although we believe that we have patent applications that pre-date many

patents and patent applications of interest. Any such litigation or claims, whether or not valid or successful, could result in substantial costs and diversion of resources and management's attention. In addition, if we are determined to have infringed upon a third party's intellectual property rights, we may be required to do one or more of the following:

- cease using, making, having made, selling, having sold, developing, having developed or importing products that incorporate the infringed intellectual property rights;
- pay substantial damages;
- obtain a license from the holder of the infringed intellectual property rights, which license may not be available on reasonable terms or at all; or
- redesign our processes or products, which may result in inferior products or processes.

In the event of a successful claim of infringement against us and our failure or inability to obtain a license to or design around the infringed intellectual property rights, our business, prospects, operating results and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

Our current and future patent applications may not result in issued patents or our patent rights may be contested, circumvented, invalidated or limited in scope, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our ability to prevent others from commercially exploiting products similar to ours.

Our current and future patent applications may not result in issued patents, which may have a material adverse effect on our ability to prevent others from commercially exploiting products or technology similar to ours. The outcome of patent applications involves complex legal and factual questions and the breadth of claims that will be allowed is uncertain. As a result, we cannot be certain that the patent applications that we file will result in patents being issued, or that our current issued patents, and any patents that may be issued to us in the future, will afford protection that covers our commercial processes, systems and products or that will afford protection against competitors with similar products or technology. Numerous prior art patents and pending patent applications owned by others, as well as prior art non-patent literature, exist in the fields in which we have developed and are developing our technology, which may preclude our ability to obtain a desired scope of protection in the desired fields. In addition to potential prior art concerns, any of our existing patents, pending patent applications, or future issued patents or patent applications may also be challenged on the basis that they are invalid or unenforceable. Furthermore, patent applications filed in foreign countries are subject to laws, rules, and procedures that differ from those of the United States, and thus we cannot be certain that foreign patent applications related to issued U.S. patents will be issued.

Even if our current or future patent applications succeed and patents are issued, it is still uncertain whether our current or future patents will be contested, circumvented, invalidated or limited in scope in the future. The rights granted under any issued patents may not provide us with meaningful protection or competitive advantages, and some foreign countries provide significantly less effective patent enforcement than the United States. In addition, the claims under our current or future patents may not be broad enough to prevent others from developing technologies that are similar or that achieve results similar to ours. The intellectual property rights of others could also bar us from licensing and exploiting our current or future patents. In addition, our current or future patents may be infringed upon or designed around by others and others may obtain patents that we need to license or design around, either of which would increase costs and may adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition and operating results.

General Risk Factors

The uncertainty in global economic conditions, including as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict, could negatively affect our results of operations.

Our results of operations are directly affected by the general global economic conditions that impact our main end markets. The uncertainty in global economic conditions can result in substantial volatility, which can affect our business by reducing customer spending and the prices that our customers may be able or willing to pay for our products, which in turn could negatively impact our sales and result in a material adverse effect on our business financial condition and results of operations.

Sales of our batteries for RVs have benefited from the increased adoption of the RV lifestyle and the demand for additional appliances and electronics on RVs. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused, and could in the future continue to cause, and other factors could contribute to causing, delays or disruptions in our supply chain and labor shortages and shutdowns, which would be disruptive to the production of our batteries and would adversely impact our business. In addition, the spreading of the virus may make it more difficult for us to find alternative suppliers due to the high concentration of such suppliers located in China. Any performance failure on the part of any of our significant suppliers could interrupt production of our products, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Furthermore, the severity, magnitude and duration of the current COVID-19 pandemic is uncertain, rapidly changing and hard to predict. A prolonged or worsened COVID-19 pandemic could cause continued supply disruptions which could lead to a reduction in manufacturing, lead to extended disruption of economic activity and make it difficult for us to predict demand for our products. In addition, while the COVID-19 pandemic may, for a period, positively impact our battery sales as more consumers adopt the RV lifestyle, there is no guarantee that any such increase would be sustained, which could cause our results of operations to fluctuate.

As a result of sanctions imposed in relation to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, gas prices in the United States have risen to historic levels. This rise in price may cause a decrease in RV travel, which could ultimately negatively impact sales of our batteries for RVs. Further escalation of the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the subsequent response, including further sanctions or other restrictive actions, by the United States and/or other countries could also adversely impact our supply chain, partners or customers. The extent and duration of the situation in Ukraine, resulting sanctions and resulting future market disruptions are impossible to predict but could be significant. Any such disruptions caused by Russian military action or other actions (including cyberattacks and espionage) or resulting actual and threatened responses to such activity, boycotts or changes in consumer or purchaser preferences, sanctions, tariffs or cyberattacks, may impact the global economy and adversely affect commodity prices.

Furthermore, the cost of our components is a key element in the cost of our products. We may be unable to offset material price inflation through increased prices to customers. Increases in the prices of our components, including if our suppliers choose to pass through their increased costs to us, would result in increased production costs, which may result in a decrease in our margins and may have a material adverse effect on our business financial condition and results of operation.

Currency fluctuations, trade barriers, tariffs or shortages and other general economic or political conditions may limit our ability to obtain key components for our battery packs or significantly increase freight charges, raw material costs and other expenses associated with our business, which could further materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Because our key suppliers are located in China, we are exposed to the possibility of product supply disruption and increased costs in the event of changes in the policies, laws, rules and regulations of the United States or Chinese governments, as well as political unrest or unstable economic conditions in China. For example, trade tensions between the United States and China have been escalating in recent years. Most notably, several rounds of U.S. tariffs have been placed on Chinese goods being exported to the United States. Each of these U.S. tariff impositions against Chinese exports was followed by a round of retaliatory Chinese tariffs on U.S. exports to China. Our LFP battery cells, battery management systems and other components we purchase from China have been, and may in the future be, subject to these tariffs, which could increase our manufacturing costs and could make our products, if successfully developed and approved, less competitive than those of our competitors whose inputs are not subject to these tariffs. We may otherwise experience supply disruptions or delays, and although we carefully manage our inventory and lead-times, our suppliers may not continue to provide us with LFP cells or our battery management systems in our required quantities, to our required specifications and quality levels or at attractive prices.

Further, we may be unable to control price fluctuations for these components or negotiate supply agreements on favorable terms to us. We may also be exposed to fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the Renminbi with any appreciation in the value of the Renminbi increasing our costs for components sourced from China. Substantial increases in the prices for our components would increase our operating costs and negatively impact our results of operation.

The loss of one or more members of our senior management team, other key personnel or our failure to attract additional qualified personnel may adversely affect our business and our ability to achieve our anticipated level of growth.

We are highly dependent on the talent and services of Denis Phares, our Chief Executive Officer, Sean Nichols, our Chief Operating Officer, and other senior technical and management personnel, including our executive officers, who would be difficult to replace. The loss of Mr. Phares, Mr. Nichols or other key personnel would disrupt our business and harm our results of operation, and we may not be able to successfully attract and retain senior leadership necessary to grow our business.

Our future success also depends on our ability to attract and retain other key employees and qualified personnel, and our operations may be severely disrupted if we lost their services. As we become more well known, there is increased risk that competitors or other companies will seek to hire our personnel. None of our employees are bound by a non-competition agreement. The failure to attract, integrate, train, motivate, and retain these personnel could impact our ability to successfully grow our operations and execute our strategy.

Our operating and financial results forecast relies in large part upon assumptions and analyses developed by us. If these assumptions or analyses prove to be incorrect, our actual operating results may be materially different from our forecasted results.

The projected financial and operating information appearing elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus reflects current estimates of future performance. Whether actual operating and financial results and business developments will be consistent with our expectations and assumptions as reflected in our forecasts depends on a number of factors, many of which are outside our control, including:

- increased sales to RV OEM customers with whom the Company has existing relationships;
- increased sales with our existing end markets;
- sales to additional adjacent end markets;
- the successful introduction of new products;
- our ability to implement planned automation and expansion efforts;
- continued supply from our carefully selected cell manufacturers;
- the successful development of our solid state battery technology; and
- other factors, including our ability to obtain sufficient capital to sustain and grow our business, our ability to manage our growth and our ability to retain existing key management, integrate recent hires and attract, retain, and motivate qualified personnel.

Unfavorable changes in any of these or other factors, most of which are beyond our control, could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operation.

Our website, systems, and the data we maintain may be subject to intentional disruption, security incidents, or alleged violations of laws, regulations, or other obligations relating to data handling that could result in liability and adversely impact our reputation and future sales.

We expect to face significant challenges with respect to information security and maintaining the security and integrity of our systems, as well as with respect to the data stored on or processed by these systems. Advances in technology, and an increase in the level of sophistication, expertise and resources of hackers, could result in a compromise or breach of our systems or of security measures used in our business to protect confidential information, personal information, and other data.

The availability and effectiveness of our batteries, and our ability to conduct our business and operations, depend on the continued operation of information technology and communications systems, some of which we have yet to develop or otherwise obtain the ability to use. Systems used in our business (including third-party data centers and other information technology systems provided by third-parties) are and will be vulnerable to damage or interruption. Such systems could also be subject to break-ins, sabotage and intentional

acts of vandalism, as well as disruptions and security incidents as a result of non-technical issues, including intentional or inadvertent acts or omissions by employees, service providers, or others. Some of the systems used in our business will not be fully redundant, and our disaster recovery planning cannot account for all eventualities. Any data security incidents or other disruptions to any data centers or other systems used in our business could result in lengthy interruptions in our service.

If we fail to manage our growth effectively, we may be unable to execute our business plan, maintain high levels of customer service, or adequately address competitive challenges.

We have experienced significant growth in our business, and our future success depends, in part, on our ability to manage our business as it continues to expand. We have dedicated resources to expanding our manufacturing capabilities, exploring adjacent addressable markets and our solid-state cell research and development. If not managed effectively, this growth could result in the over-extension of our operating infrastructure, management systems and information technology systems. Internal controls and procedures may not be adequate to support this growth. Failure to adequately manage our growth in our businesses may cause damage to our brand or otherwise have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may expand our business through acquisitions in the future, and any future acquisition may not be accretive and may negatively affect our business.

As part of our growth strategy, we may make future investments in businesses, new technologies, services and other assets that complement our business. We could fail to realize the anticipated benefits from these activities or experience delays or inefficiencies in realizing such benefits. Moreover, an acquisition, investment or business relationship may result in unforeseen operating difficulties and expenditures, including disruption to our ongoing operations, management distraction, exposure to additional liabilities and increased expenses, any of which could adversely impact our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our ability to make these acquisitions and investments could be restricted by the terms of our current and future indebtedness and to pay for these investments we may use cash on hand, incur additional debt or issue equity securities, each of which may affect our financial condition or the value of our stock and could result in dilution to our stockholders. Additional debt would result in increased fixed obligations and could also subject us to covenants or other restrictions that would impede our ability to manage our operations.

Our operations are subject to a variety of environmental, health and safety rules that can bring scrutiny from regulatory agencies and increase our costs.

Our operations are subject to environmental, health and safety rules, laws and regulations and we may be subject to additional regulations as our operations develop and expand. There are significant capital, operating and other costs associated with compliance with these environmental laws and regulations. While we believe that the policies and programs we have in place are reasonably designed and implemented to assure compliance with these requirements and to avoid hazardous substance release liability with respect to our manufacturing facility, we may be faced with new or more stringent compliance obligations that could impose substantial costs.

We are subject to anti-corruption, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering, financial and economic sanctions and similar laws, and non-compliance with such laws can subject us to administrative, civil and criminal fines and penalties, collateral consequences, remedial measures and legal expenses, all of which could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and reputation.

We are subject to anti-corruption, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering, financial and economic sanctions and similar laws and regulations in various jurisdictions in which we conduct or in the future may conduct activities, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (“FCPA”). The FCPA prohibits us and our officers, directors, employees and business partners acting on our behalf, including agents, from corruptly offering, promising, authorizing or providing anything of value to a “foreign official” for the purposes of influencing official decisions or obtaining or retaining business or otherwise obtaining favorable treatment. The FCPA also requires companies to make and keep books, records, and accounts that accurately reflect transactions and dispositions of assets and to maintain a system of adequate internal accounting controls. A violation of

these laws or regulations could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and reputation. Our policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance with these regulations may not be sufficient and our directors, officers, employees, representatives, consultants, agents and business partners could engage in improper conduct for which we may be held responsible.

Non-compliance with anti-corruption, anti-bribery, anti-money laundering or financial and economic sanctions laws could subject us to whistleblower complaints, adverse media coverage, investigations, and severe administrative, civil and criminal sanctions, collateral consequences, remedial measures and legal expenses, all of which could materially and adversely affect our reputation, business, financial condition and results of operation.

From time to time, we may be involved in legal proceedings and commercial or contractual disputes, which could have an adverse impact on our profitability and consolidated financial position.

We may be involved in legal proceedings and commercial or contractual disputes that, from time to time, are significant and which may harm our reputation. These are typically claims that arise in the normal course of business including, without limitation, commercial or contractual disputes, including warranty claims and other disputes with customers and suppliers; intellectual property matters; personal injury claims; environmental issues; tax matters; and employment matters. It is difficult to predict the outcome or ultimate financial exposure, if any, represented by these matters, and any such exposure may be material. Regardless of outcome, legal proceedings can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources and other factors.

Environmental, social and governance matters may cause us to incur additional costs.

Some legislatures, government agencies and listing exchanges have mandated or proposed, and others may in the future further mandate, certain environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) disclosure or performance. For example, the Securities and Exchange Commission has proposed rules that would mandate certain climate-related disclosures. In addition, we may face reputational damage in the event our corporate responsibility initiatives or objectives do not meet the standards or expectations of shareholders, prospective investors, lawmakers, listing exchanges or other stakeholders. Failure to comply with ESG-related laws, exchange policies or stakeholder expectations could materially and adversely impact the value of our stock and related cost of capital, and limit our ability to fund future growth, or result in increased investigations and litigation.

Risks Related to Dragonfly’s Financial Position and Capital Requirements

Our business is capital intensive, and we may not be able to raise additional capital on attractive terms, if at all. Any further indebtedness we incur may limit our operational flexibility in the future.

Over time, we expect that we will need to raise additional funds, including through the issuance of equity, equity-related or debt securities or by obtaining credit from financial institutions to fund, together with our principal sources of liquidity, ongoing costs, such as research and development relating to our solid-state batteries, expansion of our facilities, and new strategic investments. We cannot be certain that additional capital will be available on attractive terms, if at all, when needed, which could be dilutive to stockholders. If we raise additional funds through the issuance of equity or convertible debt or other equity-linked securities, our existing stockholders could experience significant dilution. Any equity securities issued may provide for rights, preferences, or privileges senior to those of common stockholders. If we raise funds by issuing debt securities, these debt securities would have rights, preferences, and privileges senior to those of common stockholders.

As of December 31, 2021, we had approximately \$37 million in outstanding indebtedness. We may be unable to repay our indebtedness when due, or we may be unable to refinance our indebtedness on acceptable terms or at all. The incurrence of additional debt could adversely impact our business, including limiting our operational flexibility by:

- making it difficult for us to pay other obligations;
- increasing our cost of borrowing from other sources;

- making it difficult to obtain favorable terms for any necessary future financing for working capital, capital expenditures, investments, acquisitions, debt service requirements, or other purposes;
- restricting us from making acquisitions or causing us to make divestitures or similar transactions;
- requiring us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to service and repay our indebtedness, reducing the amount of cash flow available for other purposes;
- placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our less leveraged competitors; and
- limiting our flexibility in planning for and reacting to changes in our business.

Restrictions imposed by our outstanding indebtedness and any future indebtedness may limit our ability to operate our business and to finance our future operations or capital needs or to engage in acquisitions or other business activities necessary to achieve growth.

The agreements governing our indebtedness restrict us from engaging in specified types of transactions. These restrictive covenants restrict our ability to, among other things:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- create or incur encumbrances or liens;
- engage in consolidations, amalgamations, mergers, acquisitions, liquidations, dissolutions or dispositions;
- sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of assets; and
- pay dividends and distributions on, or purchase, redeem, defease, or otherwise acquire or retire for value, our stock.

Under the agreements governing our indebtedness, we are also subject to certain financial covenants, including maintaining minimum levels of Adjusted EBITDA, maximum capital expenditure levels and a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to maintain compliance with these covenants or, if we fail to do so, that we will be able to obtain waivers from the applicable lender(s) and/or amend the covenants. Even if we comply with all of the applicable covenants, the restrictions on the conduct of our business could adversely affect our business by, among other things, limiting our ability to take advantage of financing opportunities, mergers, acquisitions, investments, and other corporate opportunities that may be beneficial to our business.

A breach of any of the covenants in the agreements governing our existing or future indebtedness could result in an event of default, which, if not cured or waived, could trigger acceleration of our indebtedness, and may result in the acceleration of or default under any other debt we may incur in the future to which a cross-acceleration or cross-default provision applies, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In the event of any default under our existing or future credit facilities, the applicable lenders could elect to terminate borrowing commitments and declare all borrowings and loans outstanding, together with accrued and unpaid interest and any fees and other obligations, to be immediately due and payable. In addition, our obligations under our indebtedness are secured by, among other things, a security interest in our intellectual property. During the existence of an event of default under our credit agreements, the applicable lender could exercise its rights and remedies thereunder, including by way of initiating foreclosure proceedings against any assets constituting collateral for our obligations under such credit facility.

We will enter into the definitive documentation with respect to the Term Loan for the purposes of consummating the Business Combination which may adversely affect our leverage and financial condition and thus negatively impact the value of our shareholders' investment in us.

Each Term Loan Lender has acknowledged and agreed that it has no right of set-off or any right, title, interest or any claim of any kind, to, or to any monies or other assets in, the Trust Account in connection with the Term Loan prior to the Closing Date. The definitive agreements governing the Term Loan that will be entered into at Closing, will impose, and future financing agreements are likely to impose, operating and

financial restrictions on our activities which may adversely affect the ability of New Dragonfly and its subsidiaries to finance capital expenditures, acquisitions, debt service requirements or to engage in new business activities or otherwise adversely affect their ability execute their business strategy compared to competitors who have less debt. In some cases, these restrictions will require New Dragonfly and its subsidiaries to comply with or maintain certain financial tests and ratios, including a requirement with respect to the Term Loan to maintain a leverage ratio below an agreed-upon level, a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and a minimum monthly liquidity level. Subject to certain exceptions, such agreements would likely restrict the ability of New Dragonfly and its subsidiaries to, among other things:

- declare dividends or redeem or repurchase capital stock;
- prepay, redeem or purchase other debt;
- incur liens or additional indebtedness;
- make loans, guarantees, acquisitions and other investments;
- engage in sale and leaseback transactions;
- amend or otherwise alter debt and other material agreements;
- engage in mergers or asset sales;
- engage in new business activities;
- engage in transactions with affiliates; and
- enter into arrangements that would prohibit granting liens or restrict the ability of subsidiaries to pay dividends, make loans or investments or transfer assets.

Further, various risks, uncertainties and events beyond our or New Dragonfly's control could affect the ability of New Dragonfly or its subsidiaries to comply with these covenants. Failure to comply with any of the covenants in existing or future financing agreements, including with respect to the Term Loan, could result in a default under those agreements and under other agreements containing cross-default provisions. Such a default would permit lenders to accelerate the maturity of the debt under these agreements and to foreclose upon any collateral securing such debt. Under these circumstances, New Dragonfly might not have sufficient funds or other resources to satisfy all of its obligations. In addition, the limitations imposed by existing and future financing agreements on New Dragonfly's ability to incur additional debt and to take other actions might significantly impair its ability to obtain other financing. We cannot assure you that New Dragonfly will be granted waivers or amendments to these agreements if for any reason New Dragonfly is unable to comply with these agreements or that New Dragonfly will be able to refinance outstanding debt on terms acceptable to it, or at all.

Dragonfly's management has identified material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting. These material weaknesses could continue to adversely affect its, and following the Business Combination, New Dragonfly's ability to report its results of operations and financial condition accurately and in a timely manner.

Dragonfly's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP. As a public company, New Dragonfly's management will be required, on a quarterly basis, to evaluate the effectiveness of its internal controls and to disclose any changes and material weaknesses identified through such evaluation in those internal controls. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

As described elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, Dragonfly's management identified material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting relating to (i) inadequate segregation of duties; (ii) lack of appropriate technology controls; and (iii) deficiency in the design of controls around account reconciliations and operational activity. As a result of these material weaknesses, Dragonfly's management concluded that its internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of December 30, 2021 and December 31, 2021.

Dragonfly is in the process of developing a plan to remediate these material weaknesses. It has recently implemented an ERP system and hired a new Chief Financial Officer, and will continue to identify additional appropriate remediation measures. However, the material weaknesses will not be considered remediated until the remediation plan has been fully implemented, the applicable controls are fully operational for a sufficient period of time, and New Dragonfly has concluded, through testing, that the newly implemented and enhanced controls are operating effectively. At this time, Dragonfly cannot predict the success of such efforts or the outcome of future assessments of the remediation efforts. Dragonfly's and, following the Business Combination, New Dragonfly's, efforts may not remediate these material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting, and may not prevent additional material weaknesses from being identified in the future. Failure to implement and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could result in errors in New Dragonfly's consolidated financial statements that could result in a restatement of its consolidated financial statements, and could cause it to fail to meet its reporting obligations, any of which could diminish investor confidence in New Dragonfly and cause a decline in its equity value. Additionally, ineffective internal controls could expose New Dragonfly to an increased risk of financial reporting fraud and the misappropriation of assets, and may further subject it to potential delisting from the stock exchange on which it lists, or to other regulatory investigations and civil or criminal sanctions.

As a public company, subject to limited exceptions following the Business Combination, New Dragonfly will be required pursuant to Section 404(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act to furnish a report by management on, among other things, the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting for each annual report on Form 10-K to be filed with the SEC. This assessment will need to include disclosure of any material weaknesses identified by New Dragonfly's management in internal control over financial reporting. If in the future New Dragonfly is no longer classified under the definition of an "emerging growth company," its independent registered public accounting firm will also be required, pursuant to Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, to attest to the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting in each annual report on Form 10-K to be filed with the SEC. New Dragonfly will be required to disclose material changes made in its internal control over financial reporting on a quarterly basis. Failure to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act could potentially subject New Dragonfly to sanctions or investigations by the SEC, the stock exchange on which its securities are listed, or other regulatory authorities, which would require additional financial and management resources.

Risks Related to Ownership of Chardan Securities and the Business Combination

Except where noted or the context otherwise requires, as used in this subsection, the terms "we," "us," "our," "our company," "our business" and similar terms refer to Chardan.

The Sponsor and the Insiders have agreed to vote in favor of the Business Combination, regardless of how Chardan's public stockholders vote.

The Sponsor and the Insiders have agreed to vote any shares of common stock owned by them in favor of the business combination proposal. As of the date of this proxy statement, the Sponsor and the Insiders own shares equal to approximately 20% of Chardan's issued and outstanding shares of common stock. Accordingly, it is more likely that the necessary stockholder approval will be received for the Business Combination than would be the case if the Sponsor and the Insiders agreed to vote any shares of common stock owned by them in accordance with the majority of the shares represented at the special meeting by the public stockholders.

The Sponsor, certain members of the Chardan Board and certain Chardan officers have interests in the Business Combination that are different from or are in addition to the Chardan stockholders in recommending that stockholders vote in favor of approval of the Business Combination Proposal and approval of the other proposals described in this proxy statement.

When considering the Chardan Board's recommendation that our stockholders vote in favor of the approval of the business combination proposal and the other proposals described in this proxy statement, our stockholders should be aware that the Sponsor and certain directors and officers of Chardan have interests in the Business Combination that may be different from, or in addition to, the interests of our stockholders generally. These interests include:

- None of Chardan’s officers and directors is required to commit their full time to our affairs and, accordingly, they may have conflicts of interest in allocating their time among various business activities.
- Each of Chardan’s officers and directors presently has, and any of them in the future may have additional, fiduciary or contractual obligations to another entity pursuant to which such officer or director is or will be required to present a business combination opportunity to such entity. We do not believe, however, that the pre-existing fiduciary duties or contractual obligations of our officers and directors will materially undermine our ability to complete the Business Combination, and such pre-existing fiduciary duties and contractual obligations did not materially affect our search for an acquisition target.
- Mr. Grossman is the Chief Executive Officer of, and Mr. Weil is Managing Director and Co-Head of Fintech Investment Banking of, Chardan Capital Markets, an affiliate of the Sponsor. Mr. Grossman, Mr. Weil and Mr. Propper are also members of the board of directors of Chardan Capital Markets. Mr. Grossman is also the managing member of Chardan International Investments, LLC, an affiliate of the Sponsor.
- It is anticipated that upon completion of the Business Combination and assuming no redemptions by Chardan public stockholders, the PIPE Investor will own approximately 0.9% of New Dragonfly, and the Sponsor, officers, directors and other affiliates and holders of Founder Shares will own approximately 5.8% of New Dragonfly. These levels of ownership interest: (a) include the impact of the shares of Chardan common stock issuable upon exercise of the Penny Warrants due to their nominal exercise price but exclude the impact of the \$10 Warrants and shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Equity Facility after Closing, (b) assume that no Chardan public stockholder exercises redemption rights with respect to its shares for a pro rata portion of the funds in Chardan’s trust account and (c) assume that no shares are issued pursuant to the Dragonfly Incentive Plan and the 2022 Plan.
- If the Business Combination or another business combination are not consummated by August 13, 2022 (unless this deadline is extended pursuant to Chardan’s covenant to extend such deadline under the Business Combination Agreement and pursuant to the Chardan Organizational Documents), Chardan will cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, redeeming 100% of the outstanding public shares for cash and, subject to the approval of its remaining stockholders and the Chardan Board, dissolving and liquidating. In such event, the Private Warrants and all underlying securities held by the Sponsor and Insiders would be worthless because the holders thereof are not entitled to participate in any redemption or distribution with respect to such shares.
- On July 23, 2020, the Sponsor purchased 1,000,000 shares of common stock of Chardan for an aggregate purchase price of \$25,000. On March 4, 2021, Chardan effected a 2.875-for-1 stock split, resulting in 2,875,000 shares of common stock being held by the Sponsor. On August 10, 2021, Chardan effectuated a 1.1-for-1 stock split, resulting in an aggregate of 3,162,500 shares of common stock outstanding. On August 18, 2021, the underwriters’ exercised the over-allotment option in full, thus the Founder Shares are no longer subject to forfeiture. Such shares had an aggregate market value of approximately \$31,814,750 based upon the closing price of \$10.06 per share on the Nasdaq on May 12, 2022. In May and June 2021, the Sponsor transferred 20,000 Founder Shares to each of Messrs. Biele, Boyle, Hardamon, Thakrar and Thomson and Ms. Jardins.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Marketing Agreement Chardan engaged Chardan Capital Markets, an affiliate of Chardan, as an advisor in connection with its business combination. Chardan Capital Markets will receive a cash fee for such services upon the consummation of the Merger in an amount equal to, in the aggregate, \$4,427,500, being 3.5% of the gross proceeds of the Chardan IPO. Chardan Capital Markets will also receive a cash fee of \$1,170,000 for other financial advisory services, including for advisory services provided with respect to placement of potential PIPE investments.
- Simultaneously with the closing of the Chardan IPO, Holdings purchased an aggregate of 4,361,456 private placement warrants at a price of \$0.93 per private placement warrant (\$4,052,000 in the aggregate). Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the underwriters’ over-allotment option,

Holdings purchased an additional 266,402 private placement warrants at a purchase price of \$0.93 per private placement warrant. Each private placement warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share. The proceeds from the private placement warrants were added to the proceeds from the Chardan IPO to be held in the Trust Account. The private placement warrants had an aggregate market value of \$677,770 based upon the closing price of approximately \$0.16 per share on the Nasdaq on May 12, 2022. The private placement warrants will become worthless if Chardan does not consummate a business combination by August 13, 2022 (unless this deadline is extended pursuant to Chardan's covenant to extend such deadline under the Business Combination Agreement and pursuant to the Chardan Organizational Documents).

- [•], current directors of Chardan, will become directors of New Dragonfly after the Closing. As such, in the future each may receive any cash fees, stock options or stock awards that the post-combination board of directors determines to pay to its executive and non-executive directors.
- If Chardan is unable to complete an initial business combination within the completion window, the Sponsor will be liable under certain circumstances to ensure that the proceeds in the trust account are not reduced by the claims of target businesses or claims of vendors or other entities that are owed money by Chardan for services rendered or contracted for or products sold to Chardan. If Chardan consummates an initial business combination, on the other hand, Chardan will be liable for all such claims.
- Chardan's officers and directors, and their affiliates, are entitled to reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in connection with certain activities on Chardan's behalf, such as identifying and investigating possible business targets and business combinations. However, if Chardan fails to consummate an initial business combination within the completion window, they will not have any claim against the trust account for reimbursement. Accordingly, Chardan may not be able to reimburse these expenses if the Business Combination or another initial business combination is not completed within the completion window. As of May 15, 2022, the Sponsor and Chardan's officers and directors, and their respective affiliates, had not incurred any such reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses.
- The current directors and officers will continue to be indemnified and the liability insurance of the directors and officers will continue.
- In connection with the Business Combination, Chardan and the Sponsor, an affiliate of Chardan, entered into the Subscription Agreement, which provides for the Sponsor to purchase an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Chardan common stock upon the terms as set forth in the Subscription Agreement. The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market. For additional information, see the sections entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Subscription Agreement*" and "*Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions — Chardan Related Party Transactions*."
- In addition, pursuant to the Equity Facility Letter Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation reflecting the terms in the Equity Facility Letter Agreement prior to the Closing Date. Under the terms of the Equity Facility, the Equity Facility Investor will commit to purchase up to an aggregate of \$150,000,000 in shares of New Dragonfly's common stock from time to time at the request of the New Dragonfly, subject to certain limitations and the satisfaction of certain conditions. The purchase price for the shares of New Dragonfly common stock that New Dragonfly elects to sell to the Equity Facility Investor will be determined by reference to the VWAP of such shares during the applicable purchase date, less a fixed 3.5% discount to such VWAP. In addition, New Dragonfly will agree to issue Equity Facility Commitment Shares having a value of \$1 million determined based on the applicable trading price at the time of issuance to the Equity Facility Investor as consideration for its irrevocable commitment to purchase the shares of New Dragonfly common stock upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation. For additional information, see the sections entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Equity Facility Letter Agreement*" and "*Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions — Chardan Related Party Transactions*."

- Pursuant to the Debt Commitment Letter, the Chardan Lender has agreed to provide 60% of the commitment with respect to the Term Loan on the Closing Date subject to the satisfaction of certain customary conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. The Chardan Lender intends to backstop its commitment under the Debt Commitment Letter by entering into the Backstop Commitment Letter with the Backstop Lenders prior to the Closing Date. The Chardan Lender is entitled to payment of fees in connection with the Term Loan pursuant to the fee letter entered into in connection with the Debt Commitment Letter, but intends for such fees to be paid to the Backstop Lenders on the Closing Date. For additional information, see the sections entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Debt Commitment Letter*” and “*Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions — Chardan Related Party Transactions.*”
- Given the difference in the purchase price the Sponsor and our directors paid for the Founders Shares as compared to the price of the units sold in the Chardan IPO, the Sponsor and our directors may earn a positive rate of return on their investment even if New Dragonfly common stock trades below the price paid for the units in the Chardan IPO and the public stockholders experience a negative rate of return following the completion of the Business Combination.
- The Sponsor and the initial stockholders, among others, will enter into the Registration Rights Agreement which will provide them with registration rights.

The personal and financial interests of our officers and directors may have influenced their motivation in identifying and selecting Dragonfly, and completing an initial business combination with Dragonfly and may influence their operation of the post-combination company following the Business Combination. This risk may become more acute as the deadline of August 13, 2022 (unless this deadline is extended pursuant to Chardan’s covenant to extend such deadline under the Business Combination Agreement and pursuant to the Chardan Organizational Documents) for completing an initial business combination nears.

The Chardan Board was aware of and considered these interests, among other matters, in evaluating and negotiating the Business Combination and in recommending to the Chardan stockholders that they vote “FOR” the proposals presented at the special meeting.

The Sponsor may have interests in the Business Combination different from the interests of Chardan’s public stockholders.

The Sponsor has financial interests in the Business Combination that are different from, or in addition to, those of other Chardan stockholders generally. See the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination*” for additional information. In addition, the Sponsor may be incentivized to complete the Business Combination, or an alternative initial business combination with a less favorable company or on terms less favorable to shareholders, rather than to liquidate, in which case the Sponsor would lose its entire investment. As a result, the Sponsor may have a conflict of interest in determining whether Dragonfly is an appropriate business with which to effectuate a business combination and/or in evaluating the terms of the Business Combination. See the sections entitled “*Summary of the Proxy Statement — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination*” and “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination*” for additional information. The Chardan Board was aware of and considered these interests, among other matters, in evaluating and unanimously approving the Business Combination and in recommending to Chardan stockholders that they approve the Business Combination.

The Sponsor, Chardan’s directors and affiliates of Chardan’s management team may receive a positive return on the 3,162,500 Founder Shares and 4,627,858 private placement warrants even if Chardan’s public stockholders experience a negative return on their investment after consummation of the Business Combination.

If Chardan is able to complete a business combination within the required time period, the Sponsor may receive a positive return on the 3,162,500 Founder Shares, which were acquired by the Sponsor for an aggregate purchase price of \$25,000 prior to Chardan’s IPO, and the 4,627,858 private placement warrants (including 266,402 private warrants in connection with the underwriters’ over-allotment option), which were acquired for an aggregate purchase price of \$4,299,500 (or \$0.93 per warrant) concurrently with completion of Chardan’s IPO and also in connection with exercise of the underwriters’ over-allotment option, even if

Chardan's public stockholders experience a negative return on their investment in Chardan common stock and Chardan warrants after consummation of the Business Combination.

Our private placement warrants are currently accounted for as liabilities and the changes in value of our private placement warrants could have a material effect on our financial results.

On April 12, 2021, the Acting Director of the Division of Corporation Finance and Acting Chief Accountant of the SEC together issued a statement regarding the accounting and reporting considerations for warrants issued by special purpose acquisition companies entitled "Staff Statement on Accounting and Reporting Considerations for Warrants Issued by Special Purpose Acquisition Companies ("SPACs")" (the "SEC Statement"). Specifically, the SEC Statement focused on certain settlement terms and provisions related to certain tender offers following a business combination, which terms are similar to those contained in the warrant agreement governing Chardan's private placement warrants. As a result of the SEC Statement, Chardan reevaluated the accounting treatment of the private placement warrants and determined to classify the private placement warrants as derivative liabilities measured at fair value, with changes in fair value each period reported in earnings. As a result, included on Chardan's balance sheet as of September 30, 2021 are derivative liabilities related to embedded features contained within the private placement warrants. Due to the recurring fair value measurement, we expect that we will recognize non-cash gains or losses on our private placement warrants each reporting period and that the amount of such gains or losses could be material.

We identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting. This material weakness could continue to adversely affect our ability to report our results of operations and financial condition accurately and in a timely manner.

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP. Our management also evaluates the effectiveness of our internal controls and we will disclose any changes and material weaknesses identified through such evaluation in those internal controls. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or surrounding interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

We have implemented a remediation plan, described under Item 4, Controls and Procedures of our March 31, 2021 Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 25, 2021, to remediate the material weakness related to our historical presentation of our private placement warrants but can give no assurance that the measures we have taken will prevent any future material weaknesses or deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting. Even though we have strengthened our controls and procedures, in the future those controls and procedures may not be adequate to prevent or identify irregularities or errors or to facilitate the fair presentation of our financial statements.

Chardan and, following the Business Combination, New Dragonfly, may face litigation and other risks as a result of the material weakness in Chardan's internal control over financial reporting.

Following the issuance of the SEC Statement, Chardan's management and audit committee concluded that it was appropriate to revise its previously issued financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, as well as certain interim periods within 2020, on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 15, 2021. See above under the heading "*— Our private placement warrants are currently accounted for as liabilities and the changes in value of our private placement warrants could have a material effect on our financial results.*" As part of the restatement, Chardan identified a material weakness in its internal controls over financial reporting.

As a result of such material weakness, the restatement, the change in accounting for the warrants and other matters raised or that may in the future be raised by the SEC, Chardan and, following the Business Combination, New Dragonfly, face potential for litigation or other disputes which may include, among others, claims invoking the federal and state securities laws, contractual claims or other claims arising from the restatement and material weaknesses in Chardan's internal control over financial reporting and the preparation of its financial statements. As of the date of this proxy statement, Chardan has no knowledge of any such

litigation or dispute. However, Chardan can provide no assurance that such litigation or dispute will not arise in the future. Any such litigation or dispute, whether successful or not, could have a material adverse effect on Chardan's business, results of operations and financial condition or its ability to complete the Business Combination and related transactions.

The Nasdaq may not continue to list our securities, which could limit investors' ability to make transactions in our securities and subject us to additional trading restrictions.

Our common stock and public warrants are currently listed on the Nasdaq and will be listed on the Nasdaq upon consummation of the Business Combination. Our continued eligibility for listing may depend on, among other things, the number of public shares that are redeemed. There can be no assurance that New Dragonfly will be able to comply with the continued listing standards of the Nasdaq following the Business Combination. If, after the Business Combination, the Nasdaq delists New Dragonfly common stock from trading on its exchange for failure to meet the listing standards, Chardan's stockholders could face significant material adverse consequences including:

- a limited availability of market quotations for New Dragonfly's securities;
- reduced liquidity for New Dragonfly's securities;
- a determination that New Dragonfly common stock is a "penny stock," which would require brokers trading in such securities to adhere to more stringent rules, could adversely impact the value of New Dragonfly's securities and/or possibly result in a reduced level of trading activity in the secondary trading market for New Dragonfly's securities;
- a limited amount of news and analyst coverage; and
- a decreased ability to issue additional securities or obtain additional financing in the future.

Future resales of our outstanding securities, including the registration of securities for resale under the Registration Rights Agreement, may cause the market price of our securities to drop significantly, even if our business is doing well.

New Dragonfly will have [71,201,872] shares of common stock outstanding immediately following the consummation of the Business Combination (assuming that no shares of Chardan common stock are redeemed by Chardan stockholders) and excluding the Earnout Consideration, but including the common stock issued in connection to the PIPE Investment, and there may be a large number of shares of New Dragonfly common stock sold in the market following the consummation of the Business Combination, or shortly thereafter. In addition, Chardan will issue to the Facilities Lenders the warrants, which includes the Penny Warrants exercisable to purchase 3.6% of New Dragonfly's common stock on a fully-diluted basis and the \$10 Warrants exercisable to purchase 1.6 million shares of New Dragonfly's common stock.

At the closing of the Business Combination, New Dragonfly will enter into the Registration Rights Agreement with certain stockholders party thereto, pursuant to which, among other things, such stockholders will be entitled to customary registration rights following their respective lock-up periods. The sale or possibility of sale of these securities could have the effect of increasing the volatility in our share price or putting significant downward pressure on the price of our common stock.

The Sponsor is liable to ensure that proceeds of the trust are not reduced by vendor claims in the event an initial business combination is not consummated. It has also agreed to pay for any liquidation expenses if an initial business combination is not consummated. Such liability may have influenced the Sponsor's decision to approve the Business Combination.

If the Business Combination or another initial business combination are not consummated by Chardan within the completion window, the Sponsor will be liable under certain circumstances to ensure that the proceeds in the trust account are not reduced by the claims of target businesses or claims of vendors or other entities that are owed money by Chardan for services rendered or contracted for or products sold to Chardan. If Chardan consummates an initial business combination, including the Business Combination, on the other hand, Chardan will instead be liable for all such claims. Please see the section entitled "Other Information Related to Chardan — Liquidation if No Business Combination" for further information. If Chardan is required

to be liquidated and there are no funds remaining to pay the costs associated with the implementation and completion of such liquidation, the Sponsor has also agreed to pay the funds necessary to complete such liquidation and not to seek repayment for such expense. We currently do not anticipate that such funds will be insufficient.

These obligations of the Sponsor may have influenced the Sponsor's decision to approve the Business Combination and to continue to pursue the Business Combination. In considering the recommendations of the Chardan Board to vote for the business combination proposal and the other proposals described in this proxy statement, Chardan's stockholders should consider these interests.

The exercise of Chardan's directors' and officers' discretion in agreeing to changes or waivers in the terms of the Business Combination may result in a conflict of interest when determining whether such changes to the terms of the Business Combination or waivers of conditions are appropriate and in Chardan's stockholders' best interest.

In the period leading up to the Closing, events may occur that, pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, would require Chardan to agree to amend the Business Combination Agreement, to consent to certain actions to be taken by Dragonfly or to waive rights that Chardan is entitled to under the Business Combination Agreement. Such events could arise because of changes in the course of Dragonfly's business, a request by Dragonfly to undertake actions that would otherwise be prohibited by the terms of the Business Combination Agreement or the occurrence of other events that would have a material adverse effect on Dragonfly's business and would entitle Chardan to terminate the Business Combination Agreement. In any such circumstances, it would be at Chardan's discretion, acting through the Chardan Board, to grant its consent or waive those rights. The existence of the financial and personal interests of the directors described in the preceding risk factors may result in a conflict of interest on the part of one or more of the directors between what such directors believe is best for Chardan and what he or they may believe is best for themselves in determining whether or not to take the requested action. As of the date of this proxy statement, Chardan does not believe there will be any material changes or waivers that Chardan's directors and officers would be likely to make after the mailing of this proxy statement. To the extent required by law, Chardan will circulate a new or amended proxy statement or supplement thereto in the event there are any changes to the terms of the Business Combination Agreement or the Business Combination that would have a material impact on its stockholders are required prior to the vote on the business combination proposal.

If Chardan is unable to complete the Business Combination or another initial business combination by August 13, 2022 (or by the new deadline set pursuant to Chardan's covenant to extend the August 13, 2022 deadline under the Business Combination Agreement pursuant to the Chardan Organizational Documents), Chardan will cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, redeeming 100% of the outstanding public shares and, subject to the approval of its remaining stockholders and the Chardan Board, dissolving and liquidating. In such event, third parties may bring claims against Chardan and, as a result, the proceeds held in the trust account could be reduced and the per-share liquidation price received by stockholders could be less than \$10.00 per share.

Under the terms of Chardan's current certificate of incorporation, Chardan must complete an initial business combination before the end of the completion window, or Chardan must cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, redeeming 100% of the outstanding public shares and, subject to the approval of its remaining stockholders and the Chardan Board, dissolving and liquidating. In such event, third parties may bring claims against Chardan. Although Chardan has obtained waiver agreements from certain vendors and service providers it has engaged and owes money to, and the prospective target businesses it has negotiated with, whereby such parties have waived any right, title, interest or claim of any kind they may have in or to any monies held in the trust account, there is no guarantee that they or other vendors who did not execute such waivers will not seek recourse against the trust account notwithstanding such agreements. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that a court will uphold the validity of such agreements. Accordingly, the proceeds held in the trust account could be subject to claims which could take priority over those of Chardan's public stockholders. If Chardan is unable to complete an initial business combination within the completion window, the Insiders have agreed to waive their rights to liquidating distributions from the trust account with respect to any Founder Shares held by them. The Insiders have also agreed they will be personally liable under certain circumstances to ensure that the proceeds in the trust account are not reduced by the claims of target businesses or claims of vendors or other entities that are owed money by Chardan for services rendered or contracted for or products

sold to Chardan. However, they may not be able to meet such obligation. Therefore, the per-share distribution amount from the trust account in such a situation may be less than \$10.00 due to such claims.

Additionally, if Chardan is forced to file a bankruptcy case or an involuntary bankruptcy case is filed against it which is not dismissed, or if Chardan otherwise enters compulsory or court supervised liquidation, the proceeds held in the trust account could be subject to applicable bankruptcy law, and may be included in its bankruptcy estate and subject to the claims of third parties with priority over the claims of its stockholders. To the extent any bankruptcy claims deplete the trust account, Chardan may not be able to return to its public stockholders at least \$10.00 per share.

Chardan's stockholders may be held liable for claims by third parties against Chardan to the extent of distributions received by them.

If Chardan is unable to complete the Business Combination or another initial business combination within the completion window, Chardan will (i) cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, (ii) as promptly as reasonably possible but not more than ten business days thereafter, redeem 100% of the outstanding public shares, which redemption will completely extinguish public stockholders' rights as stockholders (including the right to receive further liquidation distributions, if any), subject to applicable law, and (iii) as promptly as reasonably practicable following such redemption, subject to the approval of its remaining stockholders and the Chardan Board, proceed to commence a voluntary liquidation and thereby a formal dissolution of the Company, subject (in the case of (ii) and (iii) above) to its obligations to provide for claims of creditors and the requirements of applicable law. Chardan cannot assure you that it will properly assess all claims that may be potentially brought against Chardan. As such, Chardan's stockholders could potentially be liable for any claims to the extent of distributions received by them (but no more) and any liability of its stockholders may extend well beyond the third anniversary of the date of distribution. Accordingly, Chardan cannot assure you that third parties will not seek to recover from its stockholders amounts owed to them by Chardan.

If Chardan is forced to file a bankruptcy case or an involuntary bankruptcy case is filed against it which is not dismissed, any distributions received by stockholders could be viewed under applicable debtor/creditor and/or bankruptcy laws as either a "preferential transfer" or a "fraudulent conveyance." As a result, a bankruptcy court could seek to recover all amounts received by Chardan's stockholders. Furthermore, because Chardan intends to distribute the proceeds held in the trust account to its public stockholders promptly after the expiration of the time period to complete an initial business combination, this may be viewed or interpreted as giving preference to its public stockholders over any potential creditors with respect to access to or distributions from its assets. Furthermore, the Chardan Board may be viewed as having breached its fiduciary duties to Chardan's creditors and/or may have acted in bad faith, thereby exposing itself and Chardan to claims of punitive damages, by paying public stockholders from the trust account prior to addressing the claims of creditors. Chardan cannot assure you that claims will not be brought against it for these reasons.

We may not have sufficient funds to satisfy indemnification claims of our directors and officers.

We have agreed to indemnify our officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by law. However, our officers and directors have agreed, and any persons who may become officers or directors prior to an initial business combination will agree, to waive any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any monies in the trust account and to not seek recourse against the trust account for any reason whatsoever. Accordingly, any indemnification provided will be able to be satisfied by us only if (a) we have sufficient funds outside of the trust account or (b) we consummate an initial business combination. Our obligation to indemnify our officers and directors may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against our officers or directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions also may have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against our officers and directors, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our stockholders. Furthermore, a stockholder's investment may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against our officers and directors pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

Chardan's public stockholders will experience immediate dilution as a consequence of, among other transactions, the issuance of Chardan common stock as consideration in the Business Combination, the PIPE Investment, the Term Loan and the Equity Facility. Having a minority share position may reduce the influence that Chardan's current stockholders have on the management of New Dragonfly.

Chardan's public stockholders will experience immediate dilution as a consequence of the issuance of common stock as consideration in the Business Combination and the PIPE Investment. Having a minority share position may reduce the influence that Chardan's current stockholders have on the management of New Dragonfly.

It is anticipated that upon completion of the Business Combination and assuming no redemptions by Chardan public stockholders, Chardan's public stockholders (other than the PIPE Investor) will retain an ownership interest of approximately 23.2% of New Dragonfly, the PIPE Investor will own approximately 0.9% of New Dragonfly, the Term Loan Lenders will own approximately 2.8% of New Dragonfly assuming the exercise of all Penny Warrants, the Sponsor, officers, directors and other holders of Founder Shares will retain an ownership interest of approximately 5.8% of New Dragonfly, and the Dragonfly stockholders will own approximately 67.3% (excluding the 40,000,000 Earnout Shares) of New Dragonfly. These levels of ownership interest: (a) include the impact of the shares of Chardan common stock issuable upon exercise of the Penny Warrants due to their nominal exercise price but exclude the impact of the \$10 Warrants and shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Equity Facility after Closing, (b) assume that no Chardan public stockholder exercises redemption rights with respect to its shares for a pro rata portion of the funds in Chardan's trust account and (c) assume that no shares are issued pursuant to the Dragonfly Incentive Plan and the 2022 Plan.

The ownership percentage with respect to New Dragonfly does not take into account (i) the redemption of any public common stock by the Chardan public stockholders or (ii) the issuance of any additional shares upon the closing of the Business Combination under the 2022 Plan. If the actual facts are different from these assumptions (which they are likely to be), the percentage ownership retained by the Chardan stockholders will be different. See "*Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information.*"

The following table shows all possible sources and the extent of dilution, pursuant to the exercise and conversion of Public and Private Warrants, Dragonfly Options, Penny Warrants, and \$10 Warrants, that our shareholders who elect not to redeem their shares may experience in connection with the Business Combination, assuming no redemption and maximum redemption scenarios:

	No Redemptions ⁽¹⁾	%	10% Redemption ⁽²⁾	%	50% Redemption ⁽³⁾	%	75% Redemption ⁽⁴⁾	%	Maximum Redemption ⁽⁵⁾	%
Dragonfly existing shareholders ⁽⁶⁾	80,774,014	70.7%	80,774,014	71.4%	80,774,014	74.8%	80,774,014	77.0%	80,774,014	79.4%
Chardan existing public stockholders ⁽⁷⁾	22,137,500	19.4%	20,872,500	18.5%	15,812,500	14.6%	12,650,000	12.1%	9,487,500	9.3%
Initial Stockholders ⁽⁸⁾⁽⁹⁾	7,790,358	6.8%	7,790,358	6.9%	7,790,358	7.2%	7,790,358	7.4%	7,790,358	7.7%
PIPE Investor ⁽¹⁰⁾	500,000	0.4%	500,000	0.4%	500,000	0.5%	500,000	0.5%	500,000	0.5%
Term Loan Lender ⁽¹¹⁾	3,136,367	2.7%	3,136,367	2.8%	3,136,367	2.9%	3,136,367	3.0%	3,136,367	3.1%
Pro forma fully diluted Common Stock at December 31, 2021⁽¹²⁾	114,338,239	100.0%	113,073,239	100.0%	108,013,239	100.0%	104,850,739	100.0%	101,688,239	100.0%

(1) Assumes that no Chardan public stockholders are redeemed.

(2) Assumes that 1,265,000 Chardan public shares are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$12,842,122, assuming a \$10.15 per share redemption price and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.

(3) Assumes that 6,325,000 Chardan public shares are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$64,210,608, assuming a \$10.15 per share redemption price and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.

- (4) Assumes that 9,487,500 Chardan public shares are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$96,315,911, assuming a \$10.15 per share redemption price and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.
- (5) Assumes that 12,650,000 Chardan public shares are redeemed for aggregate redemption payments of approximately \$128,421,215, assuming a \$10.15 per share redemption price and based on funds in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2021.
- (6) Includes 40,000,000 Earnout Shares payable in three tranches subject to achievement of specified financial information milestones for 2023 or post-Closing trading price milestones for New Dragonfly common stock.
- (7) Includes 9,487,500 Public Warrants.
- (8) Includes 3,162,500 outstanding founder shares and 4,627,858 Private Warrants.
- (9) Total of 3,162,500 outstanding founder shares includes 3,052,500 founder shares held by the Sponsor, and 110,000 founder shares held by officers and directors of Chardan. Please see the section titled *“Beneficial Ownership of Securities.”*
- (10) Assumes the sale of an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Chardan Common Stock, for a purchase price of \$10.00 per share and an aggregate purchase price of \$5,000,000.
- (11) Assumes the exercise and conversion of the Penny Warrants and the \$10 Warrants into common stock.
- (12) Excludes shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Equity Facility after Closing.

Chardan and Dragonfly have agreed to establish the Equity Facility pursuant to which, upon the satisfaction of the conditions to the Equity Facility Investor’s purchase obligation to be set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, New Dragonfly will have the right from time to time at its option to direct the Equity Facility Investor to purchase up to a specified maximum amount of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, up to a maximum aggregate purchase price of \$150,000,000 over the 36-month term of the Equity Facility. In connection with the execution of the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, New Dragonfly will agree to issue the Commitment Shares to the Equity Facility Investor as consideration for its irrevocable commitment to purchase the shares of New Dragonfly common stock upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation. New Dragonfly generally has the right to control the timing and amount of any future sales of New Dragonfly common stock to the Equity Facility Investor under the Equity Facility.

Sales of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, if any, to the Equity Facility Investor under the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, and the timing of any sales, will be determined by New Dragonfly from time to time in its sole discretion and will depend on a variety of factors, including, among other things, market conditions. New Dragonfly may ultimately decide to sell to the Equity Facility Investor all, some or none of the shares of New Dragonfly common stock that may be available for New Dragonfly to sell pursuant to the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation. If and when New Dragonfly elects to sell shares of New Dragonfly common stock to the Equity Facility Investor pursuant to the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, after the Equity Facility Investor has acquired such shares, it may resell all, some or none of such shares, subject to compliance with securities laws. The purchase price for the shares of New Dragonfly common stock that New Dragonfly elects to sell to the Equity Facility Investor pursuant to the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation will be 96.5% of the volume weighted average price of the shares of New Dragonfly common stock during the applicable purchase date on which New Dragonfly has timely delivered written notice to the Equity Facility Investor directing it to purchase shares under the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation. Therefore, sales to the Equity Facility Investor by New Dragonfly could result in substantial dilution to the interests of other holders of its shares of New Dragonfly common stock. Additionally, the sale of a substantial number of shares pursuant to the Equity Facility, or the anticipation of such sales, could make it more difficult for New Dragonfly to sell equity or equity-related securities in the future at a time and at a price that it might otherwise wish to effect sales. In addition, Dragonfly employees and consultants hold and, after the Transactions are expected to be granted, equity awards under the Dragonfly Incentive Plan and the 2022 Plan. Chardan stockholders will experience additional dilution when those equity awards and purchase rights become vested and settled or exercisable, as applicable, for shares of New Dragonfly common stock.

The issuance of additional common stock will significantly dilute the equity interests of existing holders of Chardan securities and may adversely affect prevailing market prices for our units, public shares or public warrants.

Having a minority ownership interest in New Dragonfly may reduce the influence that Chardan's public stockholders have on the management of Chardan.

The Sponsor and the PIPE Investor will beneficially own a significant equity interest in Chardan and may take actions that conflict with your interests.

The interests of Sponsor and the PIPE Investor may not align with the interests of Chardan and its other stockholders. The Sponsor and the PIPE Investor are in the business of making investments in companies and may acquire and hold interests in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with Chardan. The Sponsor and the PIPE Investor, and their respective affiliates, may also pursue acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to Dragonfly's business and, as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to New Dragonfly.

Our Sponsor, directors or officers or their affiliates may elect to purchase shares from public stockholders, which could reduce the number of shares that may be redeemed in connection with the Business Combination and reduce the public "float" of Chardan common stock.

Subject to applicable securities laws, our Sponsor, Insiders or their affiliates may purchase shares in privately negotiated transactions or in the open market either prior to or following the completion of our Business Combination, although they are under no obligation to do so. Such a purchase may include a contractual acknowledgement that such stockholder, although still the record holder of our shares, is no longer the beneficial owner thereof and therefore agrees not to exercise its redemption rights. In the event that our Sponsor, Insiders or their affiliates purchase shares in privately negotiated transactions from public stockholders who have already elected to exercise their redemption rights, such selling stockholders would be required to revoke their prior elections to redeem their shares. The purpose of such purchases could be to reduce the number of shares of Chardan common stock that may be redeemed in connection with the Business Combination and may include a business decision to increase such purchaser's ownership at an attractive price.

In addition, Chardan Capital Markets may make Open Market Purchases by purchasing shares of Chardan common stock on the open market prior to the Closing and separate from the redemption process conducted in connection with the Business Combination. The purposes of any Open Market Purchases would be to reduce the number of shares of Chardan common stock that may be redeemed in connection with the Business Combination and may include a business decision to increase such purchaser's ownership at an attractive price. Chardan Capital Markets will only make Open Market Purchases to the extent the price per common stock of Chardan so acquired is no higher than the redemption price that would be available in connection with the redemption procedures described in this proxy statement. In addition, Chardan Capital Markets will not vote any shares of Chardan common stock purchased in Open Market Purchases in favor of the proposals presented at the special meeting.

If such purchases are made, the public "float" of Chardan common stock and the number of beneficial holders of our securities may be reduced, possibly making it difficult to maintain or obtain the quotation, listing or trading of our securities on the Nasdaq or another national securities exchange or reducing the liquidity of the trading market for Chardan common stock.

We may issue additional shares of Chardan common stock or other equity securities without your approval, which would dilute your ownership interests and may depress the market price of your shares.

We may issue additional shares of Chardan common stock or other equity securities of equal or senior rank in the future in connection with, among other things, the Equity Facility, future acquisitions, repayment of outstanding indebtedness or under our 2022 Plan, without stockholder approval, in a number of circumstances.

Our issuance of such additional shares of Chardan common stock or other equity securities of equal or senior rank could have the following effects:

- your proportionate ownership interest in Chardan will decrease;
- the relative voting strength of each previously outstanding share of common stock may be diminished; or
- the market price of our shares of Chardan common stock may decline.

The unaudited pro forma financial information included elsewhere in this proxy statement may not be indicative of what New Dragonfly's actual financial position or results of operations would have been.

Chardan and Dragonfly currently operate as separate companies and have had no prior history as a combined entity, and Chardan's and Dragonfly's operations have not previously been managed on a combined basis. The pro forma financial information included in this proxy statement is presented for informational purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the financial position or results of operations that would have actually occurred had the Business Combination been completed at or as of the dates indicated, nor is it indicative of the future operating results or financial position of New Dragonfly. The pro forma statement of operations does not reflect future nonrecurring charges resulting from the Business Combination. The unaudited pro forma financial information does not reflect future events that may occur after the Business Combination and does not consider potential impacts of future market conditions on revenues or expenses. The pro forma financial information included in the section entitled "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information" has been derived from Chardan's and Dragonfly's historical financial statements and certain adjustments and assumptions have been made regarding Dragonfly after giving effect to the Business Combination. There may be differences between preliminary estimates in the pro forma financial information and the final acquisition accounting, which could result in material differences from the pro forma information presented in this proxy statement in respect of the estimated financial position and results of operations of Dragonfly.

In addition, the assumptions used in preparing the pro forma financial information may not prove to be accurate and other factors may affect Dragonfly's financial condition or results of operations following the Closing. Any potential decline in Dragonfly's financial condition or results of operations may cause significant variations in the stock price of New Dragonfly.

Chardan and Dragonfly have incurred and expect to incur significant costs associated with the Business Combination. Whether or not the Business Combination is completed, the incurrence of these costs will reduce the amount of cash available to be used for other corporate purposes by Chardan if the Business Combination is not completed.

Chardan and Dragonfly expect to incur significant costs associated with the Business Combination. These expenses will reduce the amount of cash available to be used for other corporate purposes by Chardan if the Business Combination is not completed.

We may redeem unexpired warrants prior to their exercise at a time that is disadvantageous to warrant holders, thereby making their warrants worthless.

We have the ability to redeem outstanding warrants at any time after they become exercisable and prior to their expiration, at a price of \$0.01 per warrant, upon a minimum of 30 days' prior written notice of redemption; provided that the last reported sales price of Chardan common stock equals or exceeds \$16.00 per share (as adjusted for stock splits, stock dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) for any ten Trading Days within a 30 Trading Day period ending three business days prior to the date we send the notice of redemption to the warrant holders. If and when the warrants become redeemable by us, we may exercise our redemption rights provided that there is an effective registration statement covering the issuance of the shares of New Dragonfly common stock issuable upon exercise of the New Dragonfly warrants. Redemption of the outstanding warrants could force the warrant holders to (i) exercise their warrants and pay the exercise price therefor at a time when it may be disadvantageous for them to do so, (ii) sell their warrants at the then-current market price when they might otherwise wish to hold their warrants or (iii) accept the nominal redemption price which, at the time the outstanding warrants are called for redemption, is likely to be substantially less than the market value of their warrants. If we call the warrants for redemption as described above, our management will have the option to require all holders that wish to exercise warrants to do so on a

“cashless basis.” None of the private warrants will be redeemable by us so long as they are held by our Founders or their permitted transferees.

There is no guarantee that the public warrants will ever be “in the money,” and they may expire worthless and the terms of Chardan’s warrants may be amended.

The exercise price for Chardan public warrants is \$11.50 per share of Chardan common stock. Each warrant entitles the registered holder to purchase three-quarters of a share of Chardan common stock at a price of \$11.50 per whole share. If Chardan is unable to complete an initial business combination, Chardan’s warrants may expire worthless. Even if Chardan consummates the Business Combination, there is no guarantee that the public warrants will ever be in the money prior to their expiration, and as such, the warrants may expire worthless. Further, the exercise price for Chardan public warrants is higher than in many similar blank check company offerings in the past, and, accordingly, the Chardan public warrants are more likely to expire worthless.

We may amend the terms of the warrants in a manner that may be adverse to holders with the approval by the holders of at least a majority of the then-outstanding warrants. As a result, the exercise price of our warrants could be increased, the exercise period could be shortened and the number of shares of Chardan common stock purchasable upon exercise of a warrant could be decreased without a warrant holder’s approval.

Our warrants were issued in registered form under the Warrant Agreement, between Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as warrant agent, and us. The Warrant Agreement provides that the terms of the warrants may be amended without the consent of any holder to cure any ambiguity or to cure, correct or supplement any defective provision or add or change any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under the Warrant Agreement as may be deemed necessary or desirable and shall not adversely affect the interest of the holders, but requires the approval by the holders of a majority of the then-outstanding public warrants to make any change that adversely affects the interests of the registered holders. Accordingly, we may amend the terms of the warrants in a manner adverse to a holder if holders of a majority of the then-outstanding public warrants approve of such amendment. Although our ability to amend the terms of the warrants with the consent of a majority of the then-outstanding public warrants is unlimited, examples of such amendments could be amendments to, among other things, increase the exercise price of the warrants, shorten the exercise period or decrease the number of shares of Chardan common stock purchasable upon exercise of a warrant.

A provision in Chardan’s Warrant Agreement may make it more difficult for Chardan to consummate the Business Combination.

If (i) Chardan issues additional Chardan common stock or equity-linked securities for capital raising purposes in connection with the Closing of the Business Combination at a price or deemed price of less than \$9.20 per share (as adjusted for stock splits, stock dividends, rights issuances, subdivisions, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) (with such issue price or effective issue price to be determined in good faith by the Chardan Board and in the case of any such issuance to the Sponsor or its affiliates, without taking into account any Founder Shares held by the Sponsor or such affiliates, as applicable, prior to such issuance) (the “*Newly Issued Price*”), (ii) the aggregate gross proceeds from such issuance represent more than 60% of the total equity proceeds, and interest thereon, available for funding of the Business Combination on the Closing Date (net of redemptions) and (iii) the volume weighted average trading price of Chardan common stock during the 20 trading day period starting on the trading day prior to the Closing Date (such price, the “*Market Value*”) is below \$9.20 per share, then the exercise price of the public warrants will be adjusted to be equal to 115% of the higher of the Market Value and the Newly Issued Price, and the \$16.00 per share redemption trigger prices applicable to public warrants will be adjusted (to the nearest cent) to be equal to 160% of the higher of the Market Value and the Newly Issued Price. This may make it more difficult for Chardan to consummate the Business Combination.

Chardan has a commitment to issue the Chardan common stock in connection with the PIPE Investment which may trigger the adjustment to the exercise price of the public warrants described above. Such adjustment may result in additional dilution to the Chardan shareholders and may make it more difficult to consummate the Business Combination.

Our ability to successfully effect the Business Combination and to be successful thereafter will be dependent upon the efforts of certain key personnel, including the key personnel of Dragonfly whom we expect to stay with the post-combination business following the Business Combination. The loss of key personnel could negatively impact the operations and profitability of our post-combination business and its financial condition could suffer as a result.

Our ability to successfully effect the Business Combination and to be successful thereafter is dependent upon the efforts of our key personnel, including the key personnel of Dragonfly. Although some key personnel may remain with the post-combination business in senior management or advisory positions following the Business Combination, it is possible that we will lose some key personnel, the loss of which could negatively impact the operations and profitability of our post-combination business. Dragonfly's success depends to a significant degree upon the continued contributions of senior management, certain of whom would be difficult to replace. Departure by certain of Dragonfly's officers, be it upon the closing of the Business Combination or at some point following the consummation of the Business Combination, could have a material adverse effect on Dragonfly's business, financial condition or operating results.

Chardan and Dragonfly will be subject to business uncertainties and contractual restrictions while the Business Combination is pending.

Uncertainty about the effect of the Business Combination on employees and third parties may have an adverse effect on Chardan and Dragonfly. These uncertainties may impair our or Dragonfly's ability to retain and motivate key personnel and could cause third parties that deal with Dragonfly or Chardan to defer entering into contracts or making other decisions or seek to change existing business relationships. If key employees depart because of uncertainty about their future roles and the potential complexities of the Business Combination, our or Dragonfly's business could be harmed.

The ability of Chardan's public stockholders to exercise redemption rights with respect to a large number of shares of Chardan's Class A common stock could reduce the amount of working capital available to New Dragonfly upon the closing of the Transaction and could adversely affect the completion of the Transaction.

As of the date hereof, Chardan does not know how many of its public shareholders will exercise their redemption rights in advance of the closing of the Transaction. If a larger number of Chardan's public shareholders elect to redeem their common stock than Chardan had expected when it entered into the definitive documents relating to the Transaction, this could lead to a failure to consummate the Transaction and a failure to maintain the listing of its securities on the Nasdaq, which could impair Chardan's ability to fund its operations and adversely affect its business, financial condition and results of operations.

Unanticipated changes in effective tax rates or adverse outcomes resulting from examination of our income or other tax returns could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We will be subject to income taxes in the United States, and our tax liabilities will be subject to the allocation of expenses in differing jurisdictions. Our future effective tax rates could be subject to volatility or adversely affected by a number of factors, including:

- changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities;
- expected timing and amount of the release of any tax valuation allowances;
- tax effects of stock-based compensation;
- costs related to intercompany restructurings;
- changes in tax laws, regulations or interpretations thereof; or
- lower than anticipated future earnings in jurisdictions where we have lower statutory tax rates and higher than anticipated future earnings in jurisdictions where we have higher statutory tax rates.

In addition, we may be subject to audits of our income, sales and other transaction taxes by taxing authorities. Outcomes from these audits could have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Going public through a merger rather than an underwritten offering presents risks to unaffiliated investors. Subsequent to completion of the Business Combination, New Dragonfly may be required to take write-downs or write-offs, restructure its operations, or take impairment or other charges, any of which could have a significant negative effect on New Dragonfly's financial condition, results of operations and New Dragonfly's stock price, which could cause you to lose some or all of your investment.

Going public through a merger rather than an underwritten offering, as Dragonfly is seeking to do through the Business Combination, presents risks to unaffiliated investors. Such risks include the absence of a due diligence investigation conducted by an underwriter that would be subject to liability for any material misstatements or omissions in a registration statement. Although Chardan has conducted due diligence on the Dragonfly business, Chardan cannot assure you that this due diligence has identified all material issues that may be present in Dragonfly's business, that it would be possible to uncover all material issues through a customary amount of due diligence, or that factors outside of Dragonfly's business and outside of Chardan's and Dragonfly's control will not later arise. As a result of these factors, Chardan may be forced to later write-down or write-off assets, restructure operations, or incur impairment or other charges that could result in reporting losses. Even if Chardan's due diligence successfully identifies certain risks, unexpected risks may arise and previously known risks may materialize in a manner not consistent with Chardan's preliminary risk analysis. Even though these charges may be non-cash items and not have an immediate impact on Chardan's liquidity, the fact that we report charges of this nature could contribute to negative market perceptions about New Dragonfly or its securities. Accordingly, any of Chardan's stockholders who choose to remain stockholders of Chardan following the Business Combination could suffer a reduction in the value of their shares and these stockholders are unlikely to have a remedy for the reduction in value.

The availability of dissenter's rights under Nevada law for Dragonfly stockholders in connection with the Business Combination could have an adverse impact on the economic benefits of the Business Combination.

Under the Nevada Dissenter's Rights Statutes (NRS 92A.300 through NRS 92A.500, inclusive), any Dragonfly stockholder who does not vote or sign a written consent (and who does not cause or permit the stockholder's shares to be voted) in favor of the Merger will have the right to dissent from the Merger and, in lieu of receiving the Per Share Merger Consideration with respect to the stockholder's Dragonfly shares, obtain payment of the fair value (as defined in NRS 92A.320) of the stockholder's Dragonfly shares, but only if the stockholder complies with all other applicable requirements of under the Nevada Dissenter's Rights Statutes. NRS 92A.320 defines the "fair value" of a dissenter's shares as the value of the shares determined:

- immediately before the effectuation of the corporate action to which the dissenter objects, excluding any appreciation or depreciation in anticipation of the corporate action unless exclusion would be inequitable;
- using customary and current valuation concepts and techniques generally employed for similar businesses in the context of the transaction requiring appraisal; and
- without discounting for lack of marketability or minority status.

If any Dragonfly stockholders properly preserve, assert and exercise such dissenter's rights and to the extent any such demands for payment of fair value cannot be settled between those stockholders and Dragonfly within the parameters prescribed by the Nevada Dissenter's Rights Statutes, under NRS 92.490 Dragonfly then would be required to commence an action in Nevada state district court for a judicial determination of fair value plus accrued interest determined in accordance with NRS 92A.340. Dragonfly reserves the right to assert in any such appraisal proceeding that, for purposes thereof, the fair value of a Dragonfly dissenting share is less than the value of the Per Share Merger Consideration to be issued and paid in connection with the Business Combination. However, the fair value (as defined in NRS 92A.320) of Dragonfly shares, as determined by the Nevada state district court under the Nevada Dissenter's Rights Statutes, could be more than, the same as or less than the value of consideration to be paid in connection with the Business Combination. It is difficult to predict the outcome or ultimate financial exposure, if any, represented by these matters, and any such exposure may be material. Regardless of outcome, legal proceedings can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources and other factors. Any such impact could have an adverse impact on the economic benefits of the Business Combination. Further, the Dragonfly stockholders must approve the Merger, and the Dragonfly Stockholder

Approval must be obtained and delivered to Chardan by execution of a written consent by 85% of the outstanding shares of Dragonfly common stock.

Risks Related to the PIPE and Debt Financing

Securities issued in the private placement will be restricted securities and will not be registered upon issuance and therefore will be subject to securities law restrictions on transferability until such time as the resale of such securities is registered or an exemption from registration is available.

We are not registering the PIPE shares under the Securities Act or any state securities laws at this time. However, under the terms of the Restated Registration Rights Agreement, we have agreed that as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 30 business days after the Closing, we will file with the SEC a registration statement for the registration under the Securities Act of the PIPE shares and thereafter will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the same to become effective within 90 business days following the Closing and to maintain such registration statement in accordance with the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to do so if, for example, any facts or events arise which represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement or prospectus, the financial statements contained or incorporated by reference therein are not current or correct or the SEC issues a stop order.

If the PIPE shares are not registered, qualified or exempt from registration or qualification, the holder of such PIPE shares will not be entitled to sell its shares.

There can be no assurance that Chardan will be able to raise sufficient capital to consummate the Transaction or for use by New Dragonfly following the Transaction.

As of the date of this prospectus, there is approximately \$128.4 million in Chardan's trust account, commitments from the PIPE investor to purchase up to 500,000 shares of common stock for an aggregate purchase price of up to \$5,000,000 and, subject to satisfaction of the conditions to be set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, commitments from the Equity Facility Investor to purchase up to a specified maximum amount of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, up to a maximum aggregate purchase price of \$150,000,000 over the term of the Equity Facility and commitments of the Term Loan Lenders to provide a \$75,000,000 senior secured term loan facility. Nevertheless, there can be no assurances that Chardan will be able to obtain all of the cash in Chardan's trust account, the full amount of the committed PIPE investment, the full amount of the Equity Facility or the full amount of the Term Loan. In addition, any such shortfall may also materially reduce the amount of available working capital for New Dragonfly, which may materially and adversely affect New Dragonfly's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Risks Related to the Redemption

You must tender your shares of Chardan common stock in order to validly seek redemption at the special meeting.

In connection with tendering your shares for redemption, you must elect either to physically tender your common stock certificates to the Transfer Agent or to deliver your shares of Chardan common stock to the transfer agent electronically using The Depository Trust Company's DWAC (Deposit/Withdrawal At Custodian) System, which election would likely be determined based on the manner in which you hold your shares of Chardan common stock, in each case, by two business days prior to the originally scheduled vote on the business combination proposal. The requirement for physical or electronic delivery by two business days prior to the originally scheduled vote on the business combination proposal ensures that a redeeming holder's election to redeem is irrevocable once the Business Combination is approved. Any failure to observe these procedures will result in your loss of redemption rights in connection with the vote on the Business Combination.

Chardan does not have a specified maximum redemption threshold. The absence of such a redemption threshold may make it possible for Chardan to complete an initial business combination with which a substantial majority of Chardan's stockholders do not agree.

Chardan's existing charter does not provide a specified maximum redemption threshold, except that Chardan will not redeem public shares in an amount that would cause Chardan's net tangible assets to be less than \$5,000,001 (as determined in accordance with Rule 3a51-1(g)(1) of the Exchange Act). As a result, Chardan may be able to complete the Business Combination even though a substantial portion of public stockholders do not agree with the transaction and have redeemed their shares or have entered into privately negotiated agreements to sell their shares to Sponsor, directors or officers or their affiliates. As of the date of this proxy statement, no agreements with respect to the private purchase of public shares by Chardan or the persons described above have been entered into with any such investor or holder. Chardan will file a Current Report on Form 8-K with the SEC to disclose private arrangements entered into or significant private purchases made by any of the aforementioned persons that would affect the vote on the business combination proposal or other proposals (as described in this proxy statement) at the special meeting. The Insiders have agreed not to redeem any Chardan common stock held by them in connection with a shareholder vote to approve the Business Combination.

In the event that the aggregate cash consideration that Chardan would be required to pay for all shares of Chardan common stock that are validly submitted for redemption, plus any amount required to satisfy the foregoing cash condition pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Agreement, exceeds the aggregate amount of cash available to Chardan, Chardan may not complete the Business Combination or redeem any shares, all shares of Chardan common stock submitted for redemption will be returned to the holders thereof and Chardan may instead search for an alternate initial business combination.

Public stockholders, together with any affiliates of theirs or any other person with whom they are acting in concert or as a "group," will be restricted from seeking redemption rights with respect to more than 20% of the public shares.

A public stockholder, together with any of his, her or its affiliates or any other person with whom it is acting in concert or as a "group" (as defined under Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act), will be restricted from redeeming in the aggregate his, her or its shares or, if part of such a group, the group's shares, in excess of 20% of the shares of Chardan common stock included in the units sold in the Chardan IPO unless such stockholder first obtains Chardan's prior consent. In order to determine whether a stockholder is acting in concert or as a group with another stockholder, Chardan will require each public stockholder seeking to exercise redemption rights to certify to Chardan whether such stockholder is acting in concert or as a group with any other stockholder. Such certifications, together with other public information relating to stock ownership available to Chardan at that time, such as Schedule 13D, Schedule 13G and Section 16 filings under the Exchange Act, will be the sole basis on which Chardan makes the above-referenced determination. Your inability to redeem any such excess shares will reduce your influence over Chardan's ability to consummate the Business Combination and you could suffer a material loss on your investment in Chardan if you sell such excess shares in open market transactions. Additionally, you will not receive redemption distributions with respect to such excess shares if Chardan consummates the Business Combination. As a result, you will continue to hold that number of shares aggregating to more than 20% of the shares sold in the Chardan IPO and, in order to dispose of such excess shares, would be required to sell your stock in open market transactions, potentially at a loss. Chardan cannot assure you that the value of such excess shares will appreciate over time following the Business Combination or that the market price of shares of Chardan common stock will exceed the per-share redemption price. Notwithstanding the foregoing, stockholders may challenge Chardan's determination as to whether a stockholder is acting in concert or as a group with another stockholder in a court of competent jurisdiction.

However, Chardan's stockholders' ability to vote all of their shares (including such excess shares) for or against the Business Combination is not restricted by this limitation on redemption.

There is no guarantee that a stockholder's decision whether to redeem its shares for a pro rata portion of the trust account will put the stockholder in a better future economic position.

We can give no assurance as to the price at which a stockholder may be able to sell its public shares in the future following the completion of the Business Combination or any alternative business combination. Certain events following the consummation of any initial business combination, including the Business Combination, may cause an increase in our share price, and may result in a lower value realized now than a stockholder of

Chardan might realize in the future had the stockholder not redeemed its shares. Similarly, if a stockholder does not redeem its shares, the stockholder will bear the risk of ownership of the public shares after the consummation of any initial business combination, and there can be no assurance that a stockholder can sell its shares in the future for a greater amount than the redemption price set forth in this proxy statement. A stockholder should consult the stockholder's own tax and/or financial advisor for assistance on how this may affect his, her or its individual situation.

Stockholders of Chardan who wish to redeem their shares of Chardan common stock for a pro rata portion of the trust account must comply with specific requirements for redemption that may make it more difficult for them to exercise their redemption rights prior to the deadline. If stockholders fail to comply with the redemption requirements specified in this proxy statement, they will not be entitled to redeem their shares of Chardan common stock for a pro rata portion of the funds held in the trust account.

Stockholders electing to redeem their shares of Chardan common stock will receive their pro rata portion of the trust account less franchise and income taxes payable, calculated as of two business days prior to the anticipated consummation of the Business Combination. Please see the section entitled “*Special Meeting of Chardan Stockholders — Redemption Rights*” of this proxy statement for additional information on how to exercise your redemption rights.

If, despite Chardan's compliance with the proxy rules, a stockholder fails to receive Chardan proxy materials, such stockholder may not become aware of the opportunity to redeem its shares of Chardan common stock. In addition, the proxy materials that Chardan is furnishing to holders of public shares of Chardan common stock in connection with the Business Combination describe the various procedures that must be complied with in order to validly redeem public shares of Chardan common stock. In the event that a stockholder fails to comply with these procedures, its shares of Chardan common stock may not be redeemed.

The nominal purchase price paid by our Sponsor for the Founder Shares may significantly dilute the implied value of your public shares in the event we consummate an initial business combination, and our Sponsor is likely to make a substantial profit on its investment in us in the event we consummate an initial business combination, even if the business combination causes the trading price of our public shares to materially decline.

On June 23, 2020, Chardan issued an aggregate of 1,000,000 shares of common stock to the Sponsor for an aggregate purchase price of \$25,000. On March 4, 2021, the Company effected a 2.875-for-1 stock split of its issued and outstanding shares of common stock, resulting in an aggregate of 2,875,000 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. On August 10, 2021, Chardan effectuated a 1.1-for-1 stock split, resulting in an aggregate of 3,162,500 shares of common stock outstanding. The Founder Shares include an aggregate of up to 412,500 shares of common stock subject to forfeiture by the initial stockholders to the extent that the underwriters' over-allotment is not exercised in full or in part, so that the initial stockholders would collectively own, on an as-converted basis, 20% of the Company's issued and outstanding shares after the Initial Public Offering. On August 18, 2021, the underwriters exercised the over-allotment option in full, therefore the Founder Shares are no longer subject to forfeiture.

While we offered our units at an offering price of \$10.00 per unit and the amount in our trust account was initially \$10.00 per public share, implying an initial value of \$10.00 per public share, our sponsor paid only a nominal purchase price of approximately \$.0079 per share. As a result, the value of your public shares may be significantly diluted in the event we consummate an initial business combination. For example, the following table shows the public stockholders' and Sponsor's investment per share and how that compares to the implied value of one of our shares upon the consummation of our initial business combination if at that time we were valued at \$[128,397,500], which is the amount we would have for our initial business combination in the trust account assuming no interest is earned on the funds held in the trust account and no public shares are redeemed in connection with our initial business combination. At such valuation, each of our public shares would have an implied value of \$9.07 per share, which is a 9.3% decrease as compared to the initial implied value per public share of \$10.00.

Chardan public shares	11,000,000
Chardan Founder Shares	3,162,500

Total Chardan shares	14,162,500
Total funds in trust available for initial business combination ⁽¹⁾	\$128,397,500
Implied value per share	\$ 9.07
Public stockholders' investment per share ⁽²⁾	\$ 10.00
Sponsor's investment per share	\$ 0.0079

- (1) Does not take into account other potential impacts on our valuation at the time of the business combination, such as the value of our public and private placement warrants, the trading price of our public shares, the business combination transaction costs (including payment of deferred underwriting commissions), any equity issued or cash paid to the target's sellers or other third parties, or the target's business itself, including its assets, liabilities, management and prospects.
- (2) While the public stockholders' investment is in both the public shares and the public warrants, for purposes of this table the full investment amount is ascribed to the public shares only.

While the implied value of our public shares may be diluted, the implied value of \$9.07 per share would represent a significant implied profit for our sponsor relative to the initial purchase price of the Founder Shares. Our sponsor and its affiliates invested an aggregate of \$4,077,000 in us in connection with our initial public offering, comprised of the \$25,000 purchase price for the Founder Shares and the \$4,052,000 purchase price for the private placement warrants. At \$9.07 per share, the 3,162,500 Founder Shares would have an aggregate implied value of \$[28,683,875]. As a result, even if the trading price of our public shares significantly declines, our sponsor will stand to make significant profit on its investment in us. In addition, our sponsor could potentially recoup its entire investment in us even if the trading price of our public shares were as low as \$1.42 per share and even if the private placement warrants are worthless. As a result, our sponsor is likely to make a substantial profit on its investment in us even if we select and consummate an initial business combination that causes the trading price of our public shares to decline, while our public shareholders who purchased their units in this offering could lose significant value in their public shares. Our sponsor may therefore be economically incentivized to consummate an initial business combination with a riskier, weaker-performing or less-established target business than would be the case if our sponsor had paid the same per share price for the Founder Shares as our public shareholders paid for their public shares.

Risks If the Adjournment Proposal Is Not Approved

If the Adjournment Proposal is not approved, and an insufficient number of votes have been obtained to authorize the consummation of the Business Combination, the Chardan Board will not have the ability to adjourn the special meeting to a later date in order to solicit further votes, and, therefore, the Business Combination will not be approved.

The Chardan Board is seeking approval to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates if, at the special meeting, Chardan is unable to consummate the Business Combination. If the Adjournment Proposal is not approved, the Chardan Board will not have the ability to adjourn the special meeting to a later date and, therefore, the Business Combination would not be completed.

Risks Related to Ownership of New Dragonfly's Common Stock

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about New Dragonfly, or publish negative reports, New Dragonfly's stock price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for New Dragonfly's common stock will depend, in part, on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about New Dragonfly. New Dragonfly will not have any control over these analysts. If New Dragonfly's financial performance fails to meet analyst estimates or one or more of the analysts who cover New Dragonfly downgrade its common stock or change their opinion, New Dragonfly's stock price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of New Dragonfly or fail to regularly publish reports on New Dragonfly, it could lose visibility in the financial markets, which could cause New Dragonfly's stock price or trading volume to decline.

If the Business Combination's benefits do not meet the expectations of investors, stockholders or financial analysts, the market price of New Dragonfly's securities may decline. Additionally, trading prices for New Dragonfly's securities could be highly volatile, and purchasers of New Dragonfly securities could incur substantial losses.

If the benefits of the Business Combination do not meet the expectations of investors, stockholders or securities analysts, the market price of New Dragonfly's securities following the consummation of the Business Combination may decline. The market values of New Dragonfly's securities at the time of the Business Combination may vary significantly from their prices on the date the Business Combination Agreement was executed, the date of this proxy statement, or the date on which Chardan's stockholders vote on the Business Combination.

In addition, following the Business Combination, fluctuations in the price of New Dragonfly's securities could contribute to the loss of all or part of your investment. Immediately prior to the Business Combination, there has not been a public market for stock relating to the Dragonfly business and trading in shares of Chardan common stock has not been active. Accordingly, the valuation ascribed to the Dragonfly business and Chardan common stock in the Business Combination may not be indicative of the price that will prevail in the trading market following the Business Combination.

The trading price of the New Dragonfly common stock following the Business Combination may fluctuate substantially and may be lower than its current price. This may be especially true for companies like ours with a small public float. If an active market for New Dragonfly's securities develops and continues, the trading price of New Dragonfly's securities following the Business Combination could be volatile and subject to wide fluctuations. The trading price of the New Dragonfly common stock following the Business Combination will depend on many factors, including those described in this "Risk Factors" section, many of which are beyond New Dragonfly's control and may not be related to New Dragonfly's operating performance. These fluctuations could cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the New Dragonfly common stock since you might be unable to sell your shares at or above the price attributed to them in the Business Combination. Any of the factors listed below could have a material adverse effect on your investment in New Dragonfly's securities and New Dragonfly's securities may trade at prices significantly below the price you paid for them. In such circumstances, the trading price of New Dragonfly's securities may not recover and may experience a further decline.

Factors affecting the trading price of New Dragonfly securities following the Business Combination may include:

- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our quarterly financial results or the quarterly financial results of companies perceived to be similar to ours;
- changes in the market's expectations about our operating results;
- the public's reaction to our press releases, other public announcements and filings with the SEC;
- speculation in the press or investment community;
- actual or anticipated developments in New Dragonfly's business, competitors' businesses or the competitive landscape generally;
- innovations or new products developed by New Dragonfly or its competitors;
- manufacturing, supply or distribution delays or shortages;
- any changes to New Dragonfly's relationship with any manufacturers, suppliers, licensors, future collaborators, or other strategic partners;
- the operating results failing to meet the expectation of securities analysts or investors in a particular period;
- changes in financial estimates and recommendations by securities analysts concerning New Dragonfly or the market in general;
- operating and stock price performance of other companies that investors deem comparable to ours;

- changes in laws and regulations affecting New Dragonfly’s business;
- commencement of, or involvement in, litigation involving New Dragonfly;
- changes in New Dragonfly’s capital structure, such as future issuances of securities or the incurrence of additional debt;
- the volume of New Dragonfly common stock available for public sale;
- any major change in New Dragonfly board of directors or management;
- sales of substantial amounts of New Dragonfly common stock by our directors, officers or significant stockholders or the perception that such sales could occur;
- general economic and political conditions such as recessions, interest rates, “trade wars,” pandemics (such as COVID-19) and acts of war or terrorism (including the Russia-Ukraine conflict); and
- other risk factors and other matters described or referenced under the sections “*Risk Factors*” and “*Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements*.”

Broad market and industry factors may materially harm the market price of New Dragonfly’s securities irrespective of New Dragonfly’s operating performance. The stock market in general and the Nasdaq have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have often been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of the particular companies affected. The trading prices and valuations of these stocks, and of New Dragonfly’s securities, may not be predictable. A loss of investor confidence in the market for the stocks of other companies which investors perceive to be similar to New Dragonfly’s could depress New Dragonfly’s stock price regardless of New Dragonfly’s business, prospects, financial conditions or results of operations. Broad market and industry factors, including, most recently, the impact of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and any other global pandemics, as well as general economic, political and market conditions such as recessions or interest rate changes, may seriously affect the market price of the New Dragonfly common stock, regardless of New Dragonfly’s actual operating performance. These fluctuations may be even more pronounced in the trading market for our stock shortly following the Business Combination. A decline in the market price of New Dragonfly’s securities also could adversely affect New Dragonfly’s ability to issue additional securities and New Dragonfly’s ability to obtain additional financing in the future.

In addition, in the past, following periods of volatility in the overall market and the market prices of particular companies’ securities, securities class action litigations have often been instituted against these companies. Litigation of this type, if instituted against us, could result in substantial costs and a diversion of our management’s attention and resources. Any adverse determination in any such litigation or any amounts paid to settle any such actual or threatened litigation could require that we make significant payments.

An active trading market for New Dragonfly’s securities may not be available on a consistent basis to provide stockholders with adequate liquidity.

Chardan intends to apply to list the New Dragonfly common stock and warrants on Nasdaq under the symbols “DFLI” and “DFLIW” respectively, and to trade on that market. However, New Dragonfly cannot assure you that an active trading market for its common stock will be sustained. Accordingly, New Dragonfly cannot assure you of the liquidity of any trading market, your ability to sell your shares of its common stock when desired or the prices that you may obtain for your shares.

Warrants will become exercisable for New Dragonfly’s common stock, which would increase the number of shares eligible for future resale in the public market and result in dilution to New Dragonfly’s stockholders.

Warrants will become exercisable for the Company’s common stock, which would increase the number of shares eligible for future resale in the public market and result in dilution to our stockholders. Following the Business Combination, there will be 9,487,500 outstanding public warrants to purchase 9,487,500 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share, which warrants will become exercisable commencing the later of 30 days following the Closing and 12 months from the closing of the Chardan IPO, which closed on August 13, 2021. In addition, there will be 4,627,858 private placement warrants outstanding exercisable for 4,627,858 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share.

To the extent such warrants are exercised, additional shares of common stock will be issued, which will result in dilution to the holders of the Company's common stock and increase the number of shares eligible for resale in the public market. Sales of substantial numbers of such shares in the public market could adversely affect the market price of the Company's common stock, the impact of which is increased as the value of our stock price increases.

New Dragonfly's operating results may fluctuate significantly following the Business Combination, which makes its future operating results difficult to predict and could cause its operating results to fall below expectations or any guidance it may provide.

New Dragonfly's quarterly and annual operating results may fluctuate significantly, which makes it difficult for it to predict its future operating results. These fluctuations may occur due to a variety of factors, many of which are outside of its control, including, but not limited to:

- New Dragonfly's ability to engage target customers and successfully convert these customers into meaningful orders in the future;
- New Dragonfly's reliance on two suppliers for its LFP cells and a single supplier for the manufacture of its battery management system;
- the size and growth of the potential markets for New Dragonfly's batteries and its ability to serve those markets;
- challenges in New Dragonfly's attempts to develop and produce solid state battery cells;
- the level of demand for any products, which may vary significantly;
- future accounting pronouncements or changes in its accounting policies; and
- macroeconomic conditions, both nationally and locally; and
- any other change in the competitive landscape of its industry, including consolidation among New Dragonfly's competitors or partners.

The cumulative effects of these factors could result in large fluctuations and unpredictability in New Dragonfly's quarterly and annual operating results. As a result, comparing its operating results on a period-to-period basis may not be meaningful. Investors should not rely on its past results as an indication of its future performance.

This variability and unpredictability could also result in its failing to meet the expectations of industry or financial analysts or investors for any period. If New Dragonfly's revenue or operating results fall below the expectations of analysts or investors or below any forecasts New Dragonfly may provide to the market, or if the forecasts it provides to the market are below the expectations of analysts or investors, the price of New Dragonfly common stock could decline substantially. Such a stock price decline could occur even when it has met any previously publicly stated revenue or earnings guidance it may provide.

Changes in laws, regulations or rules, or a failure to comply with any laws, regulations or rules, may adversely affect New Dragonfly's business, investments and results of operations.

New Dragonfly will be subject to laws, regulations and rules enacted by national, regional and local governments and the Nasdaq. In particular, New Dragonfly will be required to comply with certain SEC, Nasdaq and other legal or regulatory requirements. Compliance with, and monitoring of, applicable laws, regulations and rules may be difficult, time consuming and costly. Those laws, regulations or rules and their interpretation and application may also change from time to time and those changes could have a material adverse effect on New Dragonfly's business, investments and results of operations. In addition, a failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations or rules, as interpreted and applied, could have a material adverse effect on New Dragonfly's business and results of operations.

On March 30, 2022, the SEC issued proposed rules relating to, among other items, enhancing disclosures in business combination transactions involving SPACs and private operating companies; amending the financial statement requirements applicable to transactions involving shell companies; effectively limiting the use of projections in SEC filings in connection with proposed business combination transactions; increasing

the potential liability of certain participants in proposed business combination transactions; and the extent to which SPACs could become subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “*Investment Company Act*”). These rules, if adopted, whether in the form proposed or in revised form, may materially adversely affect our ability to negotiate and complete our initial business combination and may increase the costs and time related thereto.

New Dragonfly does not intend to pay dividends on its common stock and, consequently, your ability to achieve a return on your investment will depend on appreciation in the price of New Dragonfly’s common stock.

New Dragonfly currently intends to retain any future earnings to finance the operation and expansion of its business and New Dragonfly does not expect to declare or pay any dividends in the foreseeable future. As a result, stockholders must rely on sales of their common stock after price appreciation as the only way to realize any future gains on their investment.

The rights of holders of Chardan and Dragonfly capital stock will change as a result of the Business Combination.

Upon completion of the Business Combination, shareholders of Chardan and stockholders of Dragonfly will be shareholders of New Dragonfly. Their rights as shareholders of New Dragonfly will be governed by New Dragonfly’s certificate of incorporation, bylaws and Delaware corporation law.

The terms of New Dragonfly’s certificate of incorporation and bylaws are in some respects different from the terms of Chardan’s current certificate of incorporation and Dragonfly’s Nevada articles of incorporation and bylaws. For more information, see the section of this proxy statement/prospectus titled “*Comparison of Stockholders’ Rights.*”

The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, as will be in effect following the completion of the Business Combination, will designate specific courts as the exclusive forum for substantially all stockholder litigation matters, which could limit the ability of New Dragonfly’s stockholders to obtain a favorable forum for disputes with New Dragonfly or its directors, officers or employees.

The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, as will be in effect following the completion of the Business Combination, will require, to the fullest extent permitted by law, that derivative actions brought in New Dragonfly’s name, actions against current or former directors, officers or other employees for breach of fiduciary duty, any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL, the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation or the New Dragonfly amended and restated bylaws, any action asserting a claim governed by internal affairs doctrine of the State of Delaware or any other action asserting an “internal corporate claim” (as defined in Section 115 of the DGCL), confers jurisdiction to the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or, if and only if the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware does not have subject matter jurisdiction thereof, any state court located in the State of Delaware or, if and only if all such state courts lack subject matter jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware), unless New Dragonfly consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum. This provision would not apply to suits brought to enforce a duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction. The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation also provides that, unless New Dragonfly consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act. This provision may limit a stockholder’s ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with New Dragonfly and New Dragonfly’s directors, officers or other employees and may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against New Dragonfly’s directors, officers and other employees. Furthermore, stockholders may be subject to increased costs to bring these claims, and the exclusive forum provision could have the effect of discouraging claims or limiting investors’ ability to bring claims in a judicial forum that they find favorable.

In addition, the enforceability of similar exclusive forum provisions in other companies’ certificates of incorporation has been challenged in legal proceedings, and it is possible that, in connection with one or more actions or proceedings described above, a court could rule that this provision in the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation is inapplicable or unenforceable. In March 2020, the Delaware Supreme Court issued a decision in *Salzburg et al. v. Sciabacucchi*, which found that an exclusive forum provision providing for claims under the Securities Act to be brought in federal court is facially valid under Delaware

law. We intend to enforce this provision, but we do not know whether courts in other jurisdictions will agree with this decision or enforce it. If a court were to find the exclusive forum provision contained in the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, New Dragonfly may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could harm its business, prospects, financial condition and operating results.

The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, as will be in effect following the completion of the Business Combination, could discourage another company from acquiring New Dragonfly and may prevent attempts by its stockholders to replace or remove its management.

Provisions in our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws to be in effect immediately prior to the consummation of the Business Combination may discourage, delay or prevent, a merger, acquisition or other change in control of New Dragonfly that stockholders may consider favorable, including transactions in which stockholders might otherwise receive a premium for their shares. These provisions could also limit the price that investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of New Dragonfly common stock, thereby depressing the market price of its common stock. In addition, these provisions may frustrate or prevent any attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management by making it more difficult for stockholders to replace members of our board of directors. As our board of directors is responsible for appointing the members of our management team, these provisions could in turn affect any attempt by New Dragonfly stockholders to replace current members of our management team. These provisions provide, among other things, that:

- the New Dragonfly board of directors will be divided into three classes, with each class serving staggered three-year terms, which may delay the ability of stockholders to change the membership of a majority of our board of directors;
- the New Dragonfly board of directors has the exclusive right to expand the size of its board of directors and to elect directors to fill a vacancy created by the expansion of the board of directors or the resignation, death or removal of a director, which prevents stockholders from being able to fill vacancies on our board of directors;
- New Dragonfly stockholders may not act by written consent, which forces stockholder action to be taken at an annual or special meeting of stockholders;
- a special meeting of stockholders may be called only by a majority of the New Dragonfly board of directors, which may delay the ability of New Dragonfly stockholders to force consideration of a proposal or to take action, including the removal of directors;
- the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation prohibits cumulative voting in the election of directors, which limits the ability of minority stockholders to elect director candidates;
- the New Dragonfly board of directors may alter certain provisions of the New Dragonfly amended and restated bylaws without obtaining stockholder approval;
- the approval of the holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66⅔%) of the New Dragonfly common shares entitled to vote at an election of the New Dragonfly board of directors is required to adopt, amend, alter or repeal our amended and restated bylaws or amend, alter, change or repeal or adopt any provision of the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation inconsistent with the provisions of the New Dragonfly second amended and restated certificate of incorporation regarding the election and removal of directors;
- stockholders must provide advance notice and additional disclosures to nominate individuals for election to the New Dragonfly board of directors or to propose matters that can be acted upon at a stockholders' meeting, which may discourage or deter a potential acquirer from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect the acquirer's own slate of directors or otherwise attempting to obtain voting control of the New Dragonfly common stock; and
- the New Dragonfly board of directors is authorized to issue shares of preferred stock and to determine the terms of those shares, including preferences and voting rights, without stockholder approval, which could be used to significantly dilute the ownership of a hostile acquirer.

Moreover, because New Dragonfly is incorporated in Delaware, it will be governed by the provisions of Section 203 of the DGCL, which prohibits a person who owns in excess of 15% of the New Dragonfly outstanding voting stock from merging or combining with New Dragonfly for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person acquired in excess of 15% of the New Dragonfly outstanding voting stock, unless the merger or combination is approved in a prescribed manner.

New Dragonfly will be an emerging growth company and any decision to comply only with certain reduced reporting and disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies could make New Dragonfly's common stock less attractive to investors.

Chardan currently is, and following the Business Combination, New Dragonfly will be, an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the JOBS Act. For as long as it continues to be an emerging growth company, New Dragonfly may choose to take advantage of exemptions from various reporting requirements applicable to other public companies but not to “emerging growth companies,” including:

- not being required to have an independent registered public accounting firm audit New Dragonfly's internal control over financial reporting under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act;
- reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in New Dragonfly's periodic reports and annual report on Form 10-K; and
- exemptions from the requirements of holding non-binding advisory votes on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved.

As a result, the stockholders may not have access to certain information that they may deem important. New Dragonfly's status as an emerging growth company will end as soon as any of the following takes place:

- the last day of the fiscal year in which New Dragonfly has at least \$1.07 billion in annual revenue;
- the date New Dragonfly qualifies as a “large accelerated filer,” with at least \$700.0 million of equity securities held by non-affiliates;
- the date on which New Dragonfly has issued, in any three-year period, more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities; or
- the last day of the fiscal year ending after the fifth anniversary of the Chardan IPO.

Under the JOBS Act, emerging growth companies can also delay adopting new or revised accounting standards until such time as those standards apply to private companies. New Dragonfly may elect to take advantage of this extended transition period and as a result, its financial statements may not be comparable with similarly situated public companies.

New Dragonfly cannot predict if investors will find New Dragonfly's common stock less attractive if it chooses to rely on any of the exemptions afforded emerging growth companies. If some investors find New Dragonfly's common stock less attractive because New Dragonfly relies on any of these exemptions, there may be a less active trading market for New Dragonfly's common stock and the market price of New Dragonfly's common stock may be more volatile and may decline.

If New Dragonfly fails to maintain an effective system of disclosure controls and internal control over financial reporting, New Dragonfly's ability to produce timely and accurate financial statements or comply with applicable regulations could be impaired, which may adversely affect investor confidence in New Dragonfly and, as a result, the market price of New Dragonfly common stock.

As a public company, New Dragonfly will be required to comply with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, including, among other things, that New Dragonfly maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting. Dragonfly is continuing to develop and refine its disclosure controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by New Dragonfly in the reports that New Dragonfly will file with the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and that information required to be disclosed in reports under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to New Dragonfly's management, including New Dragonfly's principal executive and financial officers.

Dragonfly must continue to improve its internal control over financial reporting. New Dragonfly will be required to make a formal assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting and once New Dragonfly ceases to be an emerging growth company, New Dragonfly will be required to include an attestation report on internal control over financial reporting issued by New Dragonfly's independent registered public accounting firm. To achieve compliance with these requirements within the prescribed time period, New Dragonfly will be engaging in a process to document and evaluate New Dragonfly's internal control over financial reporting, which is both costly and challenging. In this regard, New Dragonfly will need to continue to dedicate internal resources, potentially engage outside consultants and adopt a detailed work plan to assess and document the adequacy of New Dragonfly's internal control over financial reporting, validate through testing that controls are functioning as documented and implement a continuous reporting and improvement process for internal control over financial reporting. There is a risk that New Dragonfly will not be able to conclude, within the prescribed time period or at all, that New Dragonfly's internal control over financial reporting is effective as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Moreover, New Dragonfly's testing, or the subsequent testing by New Dragonfly's independent registered public accounting firm, may reveal additional deficiencies in New Dragonfly's internal control over financial reporting that are deemed to be material weaknesses.

Any failure to implement and maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, including the identification of one or more material weaknesses, could cause investors to lose confidence in the accuracy and completeness of New Dragonfly's financial statements and reports, which would likely adversely affect the market price of New Dragonfly's common stock. In addition, New Dragonfly could be subject to sanctions or investigations by the stock exchange on which New Dragonfly's common stock is listed, the SEC and other regulatory authorities.

Insiders will continue to have substantial influence over New Dragonfly after the Business Combination, which could limit your ability to affect the outcome of key transactions, including a change of control.

Upon the consummation of the Business Combination, assuming no redemptions, Sponsor will beneficially own approximately [•]% of New Dragonfly's common stock outstanding, representing [•]% of the vote, and New Dragonfly's executive officers, directors and their affiliates as a group will beneficially own approximately [•]% of New Dragonfly's common stock representing [•]% of the vote.

As a result, these stockholders, if they act together, will be able to influence New Dragonfly's management and affairs and all matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors, amendments of New Dragonfly's organizational documents and approval of significant corporate transactions. They may also have interests that differ from yours and may vote in a way with which you disagree and which may be adverse to your interests. This concentration of ownership may have the effect of delaying, preventing or deterring a change in control of New Dragonfly and might affect the market price of New Dragonfly's common stock.

The numbers of shares and percentage interests set forth above are based on a number of assumptions, including that: (1) none of the public stockholders exercise their redemption rights with respect to their public shares; (2) Chardan does not issue any additional equity securities prior to the Business Combination and no other event occurs that would change the Merger Consideration from what it would have been as of the date of the initial signing of the Business Combination Agreement; and (3) there is no exercise of Chardan's 14,115,358 outstanding warrants at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share (which warrants are not exercisable until the later of 12 months from the closing of the Chardan IPO and 30 days after the completion of the Business Combination) (other than the immediately exercisable pre-funded warrants issued to the PIPE Investor). If the actual facts differ from these assumptions, the numbers of shares and percentage interests set forth above will be different.

Following the Closing, New Dragonfly will incur significant increased expenses and administrative burdens as a public company, which could have an adverse effect on its business, financial condition and operating results.

Following the consummation of the Business Combination, New Dragonfly will face increased legal, accounting, administrative and other costs and expenses as a public company that Dragonfly does not incur as a private company and these expenses may increase even more after New Dragonfly is no longer an "emerging growth company." The Sarbanes-Oxley Act, including the requirements of Section 404, as well as

rules and regulations subsequently implemented by the SEC, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 and the rules and regulations promulgated and to be promulgated thereunder, the PCAOB and the securities exchanges and the listing standards of the Nasdaq, impose additional reporting and other obligations on public companies. Compliance with public company requirements will increase costs and make certain activities more time-consuming. A number of those requirements will require New Dragonfly to carry out activities Dragonfly has not done previously. For example, New Dragonfly will create new board committees, enter into new insurance policies and adopt new internal controls and disclosure controls and procedures. In addition, expenses associated with SEC reporting requirements will be incurred. Furthermore, if any issues in complying with those requirements are identified (for example, if management or New Dragonfly's independent registered public accounting firm identifies additional material weaknesses in the internal control over financial reporting), New Dragonfly could incur additional costs rectifying those issues, the existence of those issues could adversely affect New Dragonfly's reputation or investor perceptions of it and it may be more expensive to obtain director and officer liability insurance. Risks associated with New Dragonfly's status as a public company may make it more difficult to attract and retain qualified persons to serve on the New Dragonfly board of directors or as executive officers. In addition, as a public company, New Dragonfly may be subject to stockholder activism, which can lead to substantial costs, distract management and impact the manner in which New Dragonfly operates New Dragonfly's business in ways New Dragonfly cannot currently anticipate. As a result of disclosure of information in this proxy statement and in filings required of a public company, New Dragonfly's business and financial condition will become more visible, which may result in threatened or actual litigation, including by competitors and other third parties. If such claims are successful, New Dragonfly's business and results of operations could be materially adversely affected and even if the claims do not result in litigation or are resolved in New Dragonfly's favor, these claims and the time and resources necessary to resolve them could divert the resources of New Dragonfly's management and adversely affect New Dragonfly's business and results of operations. The additional reporting and other obligations imposed by these rules and regulations will increase legal and financial compliance costs and the costs of related legal, accounting and administrative activities. These increased costs will require New Dragonfly to divert a significant amount of money that could otherwise be used to expand the business and achieve strategic objectives. Advocacy efforts by stockholders and third parties may also prompt additional changes in governance and reporting requirements, which could further increase costs.

Because there are no current plans to pay cash dividends on the New Dragonfly common stock for the foreseeable future, you may not receive any return on investment unless you sell your New Dragonfly common stock at a price greater than what you paid for it.

New Dragonfly intends to retain future earnings, if any, for future operations, expansion and debt repayment and there are no current plans to pay any cash dividends for the foreseeable future. The declaration, amount and payment of any future dividends on shares of New Dragonfly common stock will be at the sole discretion of the New Dragonfly board of directors. The New Dragonfly board of directors may take into account general and economic conditions, New Dragonfly's financial condition and results of operations, New Dragonfly's available cash and current and anticipated cash needs, capital requirements, contractual, legal, tax and regulatory restrictions, implications of the payment of dividends by New Dragonfly to its stockholders or by its subsidiaries to it and such other factors as the New Dragonfly board of directors may deem relevant. As a result, you may not receive any return on an investment in New Dragonfly common stock unless you sell your New Dragonfly common stock for a price greater than that which you paid for it.

FAIRNESS OPINION OF DUFF & PHELPS

Opinion of Duff & Phelps, Chardan's Financial Advisor

On January 24, 2022, Chardan retained Duff & Phelps to serve as an independent financial advisor to the Chardan Board, specifically to provide to the Chardan Board a fairness opinion in connection with the Business Combination. On May 13, 2022, Duff & Phelps delivered its opinion, dated May 13, 2022 (the "*Opinion*"), to the Chardan Board (solely in their capacity as members of the Chardan Board) that, as of the date of the Opinion and subject to and based on the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, limitations of the review undertaken and qualifications contained in the Opinion, the consideration to be paid by Chardan (in the form of Chardan common stock, the "*Consideration*") to the Dragonfly securityholders in the Business Combination pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement is fair to Chardan, from a financial point of view.

In selecting Duff & Phelps, the Chardan Board considered, among other things, the fact that Duff & Phelps is a global leader in providing fairness opinions to boards of directors. Duff & Phelps is regularly engaged in the valuation of businesses and their securities and the provision of fairness opinions in connection with various transactions.

The Opinion was approved by Duff & Phelps' fairness opinions committee. The Opinion was provided for the information of, and directed to, the Chardan Board for its information and assistance in connection with the Business Combination.

The full text of the Opinion is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex I and is incorporated into this document by reference. The summary of the Opinion set forth herein is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Opinion. Chardan's stockholders are urged to read the Opinion carefully and in its entirety for a discussion of the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered, limitations of the review undertaken by Duff & Phelps in connection with the Opinion, as well as other qualifications contained in the Opinion.

In connection with the Opinion, Duff & Phelps made such reviews, analyses and inquiries as it deemed necessary and appropriate under the circumstances to enable Duff & Phelps to render the Opinion. Duff & Phelps also took into account its assessment of general economic, market and financial conditions, as well as its experience in securities and business valuation in general, and with respect to similar transactions in particular. Duff & Phelps' procedures, investigations and financial analyses with respect to the preparation of the Opinion included, but were not limited to, the items summarized below:

- reviewed unaudited financial information for Dragonfly for the year ended December 31, 2018 and audited financial information for Dragonfly for the years ended December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2021;
- reviewed financial projections for New Dragonfly for the calendar years 2022 through 2023, provided to us by management of Dragonfly, approved for our use by management of Chardan (the "*Financial Projections*"), which are described in the section of this proxy statement/prospectus entitled "*Certain Projected Financial Information of Dragonfly*";
- reviewed the Dragonfly Investor Presentation dated April 2022;
- reviewed the Business Combination Agreement;
- reviewed the term sheet for the senior credit facilities dated March 30, 2022 by and between Dragonfly and Energy Impact Credit Fund;
- reviewed Chardan's S-1 dated March 8, 2021;
- reviewed Chardan's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 filed on form 10-K;
- discussed the information referred to above and the background and other elements of the Business Combination with the management of Chardan and certain members of the Chardan Board (in their capacity as members of the Chardan Board);

- discussed with Chardan management and Dragonfly management the plans and intentions with respect to the management and operation of New Dragonfly following the completion of the Business Combination;
- discussed with Chardan management and certain members of the Chardan Board (in their capacity as members of the Chardan Board) their assessment of the strategic rationale for, and the potential benefits of, the Business Combination;
- performed certain valuation and comparative analyses using generally accepted valuation and analytical techniques, including a discounted cash flow analysis and an analysis of selected public companies that Duff & Phelps deemed relevant for comparison to New Dragonfly, as further described below in this section entitled “— *Opinion of Chardan’s Financial Advisor*”; and
- conducted such other analyses and considered such other factors as Duff & Phelps deemed appropriate.

In performing its analyses and rendering the Opinion with respect to the Business Combination, Duff & Phelps, with Chardan’s consent:

- relied upon the accuracy, completeness, and fair presentation of all information, data, advice, opinions and representations obtained from public sources or provided to it from private sources, including Chardan and Dragonfly and their respective management, including all financial, legal, regulatory, tax, accounting and other information provided to, discussed with or reviewed by us, and did not independently verify such information;
- relied upon the fact that the Chardan Board and Chardan have been advised by counsel as to all legal matters with respect to the Business Combination, including whether all procedures required by law to be taken in connection with the Business Combination have been duly, validly and timely taken;
- assumed that any estimates, evaluations, forecasts and projections and other pro forma information, including the Financial Projections, furnished to Duff & Phelps were reasonably prepared and based upon the best currently available information and good faith judgment of the person(s) furnishing the same, and Duff & Phelps expressed no opinion with respect to such estimates, evaluations, forecasts and projections and other pro forma information or any underlying assumptions;
- assumed that information supplied by and representations made by Chardan and Dragonfly and their respective management are substantially accurate regarding Chardan, Dragonfly, New Dragonfly, and the Business Combination;
- assumed that the representations and warranties made in the Business Combination Agreement are substantially accurate;
- assumed that the final versions of all documents reviewed by Duff & Phelps in draft form conform in all material respects to the drafts reviewed;
- assumed that the PIPE Investment and the Term Loan will be completed as contemplated by the draft documents reviewed by Duff & Phelps and as described by management of Dragonfly and Chardan;
- assumed that there has been no material change in the assets, liabilities, financial condition, results of operations, business, or prospects of Chardan or Dragonfly since the date of the most recent financial statements and other information made available to Duff & Phelps, and that there is no information or facts that would make the information reviewed by Duff & Phelps incomplete or misleading;
- assumed that all of the conditions required to implement the Business Combination will be satisfied and that the Business Combination will be completed in a timely manner in accordance with the Business Combination Agreement without any material amendments thereto or any waivers of any terms or conditions thereof; and
- assumed that the consummation of the Business Combination will comply in all respects with all applicable foreign, federal, state and local statutes, rules and regulations and that all governmental, regulatory or other consents and approvals necessary for the consummation of the Business Combination will be obtained without any adverse effect, that would be material to Duff & Phelps’ analysis, on Chardan, Dragonfly, New Dragonfly or the contemplated benefits expected to be derived in the Business Combination.

Given Chardan's nature as a special purpose acquisition company, for purposes of the Opinion and its analysis and with Chardan's consent, Duff & Phelps assumed a value of \$10.15 per share for Chardan's Common Stock, with such \$10.15 value being based on Chardan's initial public offering of \$10.00 per share and Chardan's approximate cash per outstanding share of Chardan common stock (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the dilutive impact of founder shares or any Public Warrants, Private Warrants or other rights). Further, for purposes of the Opinion and its analysis and with Chardan's consent, Duff & Phelps assumed the accuracy and completeness of the capitalization information for New Dragonfly prepared by Chardan, pro forma for the Business Combination, the PIPE Investment and the Term Loan.

To the extent that any of the foregoing assumptions, representations or any of the facts on which the Opinion is based prove to be untrue in any material respect, Duff & Phelps informed the Chardan Board that the Opinion cannot and should not be relied upon. Furthermore, in Duff & Phelps' analysis and in connection with the preparation of the Opinion, Duff & Phelps made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance, general business, market and economic conditions and other matters, many of which are beyond the control of any party involved in the Business Combination.

Duff & Phelps prepared the Opinion effective as of May 13, 2022. The Opinion was necessarily based upon market, economic, financial and other conditions as they existed as of such date and could be evaluated as of such date, and Duff & Phelps disclaims any undertaking or obligation to advise any person of any change in any fact or matter affecting the Opinion which may come or be brought to the attention of Duff & Phelps after such date.

Duff & Phelps did not evaluate the solvency of Chardan, Dragonfly, or New Dragonfly or conduct an independent appraisal or physical inspection of any specific assets or liabilities (contingent, derivative, off-balance sheet or otherwise). Duff & Phelps was not requested to, and did not, (i) initiate any discussions with, or solicit any indications of interest from, third parties with respect to the Business Combination, the assets, businesses or operations of Chardan or Dragonfly, or any alternatives to the Business Combination, (ii) negotiate the terms of the Business Combination, and therefore, Duff & Phelps assumed that such terms are the most beneficial terms, from Chardan's perspective, that could, under the circumstances, be negotiated among the parties to the Business Combination Agreement and the Business Combination, or (iii) advise the Chardan Board or any other party with respect to alternatives to the Business Combination.

Duff & Phelps assumed that the Merger will qualify, for US federal income tax purposes, as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Duff & Phelps was not expressing any view or rendering any opinion regarding the tax consequences of the Merger to Chardan, Dragonfly, New Dragonfly, or their respective shareholders.

In rendering the Opinion, Duff & Phelps was not expressing any opinion as to the market price or value of Chardan's Common Stock or the equity of New Dragonfly (or anything else) either before or after the consummation of the Business Combination or how any such shares may trade at any time. The Opinion should not be construed as a valuation opinion, credit rating, solvency opinion, an analysis of Chardan's, Dragonfly's, or New Dragonfly's credit worthiness, as tax advice or as accounting advice. Duff & Phelps did not make, and assumed no responsibility to make, any representation, or render any opinion, as to any legal matter.

In rendering the Opinion, Duff & Phelps was not expressing any opinion with respect to the amount or nature of any compensation to any of Chardan's or Dragonfly's officers, directors or employees, or any class of such persons, relative to the Total Consideration, or with respect to the fairness of any such compensation.

Duff & Phelps' Opinion was furnished for the use and benefit of the Chardan Board in connection with the Business Combination and was not intended to, and does not, confer any rights or remedies upon any other person, and is not intended to be used, and may not be used, by any other person or for any other purpose, without Duff & Phelps' express consent. Duff & Phelps has consented to the inclusion of the Opinion in its entirety and the description hereof in this proxy statement/prospectus and any other filing Chardan is required to make with the SEC in connection with the Business Combination if such inclusion is required by the applicable law. The Opinion (i) did not address the merits of the underlying business decision to enter into the Business Combination versus any alternative strategy or transaction; (ii) did not address or express any view on any transaction related to the Business Combination, including the PIPE investment and the Term

Loan; (iii) was not a recommendation as to how the Chardan Board or any stockholder of Chardan or Dragonfly should vote or act with respect to any matters relating to the Business Combination, or whether to proceed with the Business Combination or any related transaction; and (iv) did not indicate that the Total Consideration is the best possibly attainable by Chardan under any circumstances; instead, it merely stated whether the Total Consideration is within or below a range suggested by certain financial analyses. The decision as to whether to proceed with the Business Combination or any related transaction may depend on an assessment of factors unrelated to the financial analysis on which the Opinion was based. The Opinion should not be construed as creating any fiduciary duty on the part of Duff & Phelps to any party.

Except for the Opinion, Duff & Phelps did not express any view or opinion as to (i) any other term, aspect or implication of (a) the Business Combination (including, without limitation, the form or structure of the Business Combination) or the Business Combination Agreement or (b) any other agreement, transaction document or instrument contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement or to be entered into or amended in connection with the Business Combination, including the PIPE Investment and the Term Loan, or (ii) the fairness, financial or otherwise, of the Business Combination to, or of any consideration to be paid to or received by, the holders of any class of securities of Chardan or Dragonfly (including, without limitation, the fairness or the potential dilutive or other effects of the Business Combination or the PIPE Investment). The Opinion did not in any way address proportionate allocation or relative fairness (including, without limitation, the allocation of any consideration among or within any classes or groups of security holders or other constituents of Chardan or any other party). Duff & Phelps also did not address, or express a view with respect to, any acquisition of control or effective control of New Dragonfly by any stockholder or group of stockholders of Dragonfly (including, without limitation, any voting, control, consent rights or similar rights, preferences or privileges as among or in comparison to any classes or groups of security holders or other constituents of Chardan, Dragonfly, New Dragonfly or any other party). The Opinion did not in any way address the appropriate capital structure of New Dragonfly, whether New Dragonfly should be issuing debt or equity securities or a combination of both in the Business Combination, or the form, structure or any aspect or terms of any debt or equity financing for the Business Combination (including, without limitation, the PIPE Investment and the Term Loan) or the likelihood of obtaining such financing, or whether or not Dragonfly, Chardan, their respective security holders or any other party is receiving or paying reasonably equivalent value in the Business Combination.

Set forth below is a summary of the material analyses performed by Duff & Phelps in connection with the delivery of the Opinion to the Chardan Board. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Opinion, attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex I. While this summary describes the analyses and factors that Duff & Phelps deemed material in its presentation to the Chardan Board, it is not a comprehensive description of all analyses and factors considered by Duff & Phelps. The preparation of a fairness opinion is a complex process that involves various determinations as to appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and the application of these methods to the particular circumstances. Therefore, a fairness opinion is not readily susceptible to partial analysis or summary description. In arriving at the Opinion, Duff & Phelps did not attribute any particular weight to any analysis or factor considered by it, but rather made qualitative judgments as to the significance and relevance of each analysis and factor. Accordingly, Duff & Phelps believes that its analyses must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of its analyses and of the factors considered by it in rendering the Opinion without considering all analyses and factors could create a misleading or incomplete view of the evaluation process underlying the Opinion. The conclusion reached by Duff & Phelps was based on all analyses and factors taken as a whole, and also on the application of Duff & Phelps' own experience and judgment.

The financial analyses summarized below include information presented in tabular format. In order for Duff & Phelps' financial analyses to be fully understood, the tables must be read together with the text of each summary. The tables alone do not constitute a complete description of the financial analyses. Considering the data below without considering the full narrative description of the financial analyses, including the methodologies and assumptions underlying the analyses, could create a misleading or incomplete view of Duff & Phelps' financial analyses.

Discounted Cash Flow Analysis

The Discounted Cash Flow ("DCF") Analysis is a valuation technique that provides an estimation of the value of a business based on the cash flows that a business can be expected to generate (the "DCF Analysis").

The DCF Analysis begins with an estimation of the annual cash flows the subject business is expected to generate over a discrete projection period. The estimated cash flows for each of the years in the discrete projection period are then converted to their present value equivalents using a rate of return appropriate for the risk of achieving the projected cash flows. The present value of the estimated cash flows are then added to the present value equivalent of the residual/terminal value of the business at the end of the discrete projection period to arrive at an estimate of value.

Duff & Phelps performed a DCF Analysis of the estimated future unlevered free cash flows attributable to New Dragonfly for the years ending December 31, 2022 through December 31, 2023, with “unlevered free cash flow” defined as cash that is available either to reinvest or to distribute to security holders. In applying the DCF Analysis, Duff & Phelps relied on the Financial Projections. Duff & Phelps estimated the net present value of all unlevered free cash flows for New Dragonfly after fiscal year 2023 (the “*Terminal Value*”) by applying a revenue multiple range to New Dragonfly’s projected 2023 revenue in the Financial Projections. Duff & Phelps discounted the unlevered free cash flows in the discrete period and the Terminal Values in 2023 back to the present to obtain a range of the estimated current enterprise value of New Dragonfly.

Market Approach

The “Market Approach” is a valuation technique that provides an estimation of value by applying a valuation multiple to a specific financial metric for the subject company. These valuation multiples are either observed or derived from (i) market prices of actively traded, public companies, publicly available historical financial information and consensus equity research analyst estimates of future financial performance or (ii) prices paid in actual mergers, acquisitions or other transactions. The valuation process includes, but is not limited to, a comparison of various quantitative and qualitative factors between the subject business and other similar businesses.

Duff & Phelps utilized the Market Approach to (i) select a range of last twelve month (“*LTM*”) revenue multiples to calculate the Terminal Value for the DCF Analysis and (ii) select a range of 2022 and 2023 revenue multiples to estimate a range of current enterprise value-to-projected 2022 and 2023 revenue for New Dragonfly.

Duff & Phelps selected ten companies that it deemed relevant in its analysis (the “*Selected Publicly Traded Companies*”). Duff & Phelps arranged the Selected Publicly Traded Companies into three groups: Mature lithium-ion battery companies, solid state battery companies, and energy storage and other companies. Duff & Phelps selected the Selected Publicly Traded Companies based on their relative similarity, primarily in terms of business focus, revenue growth history and outlook, capital requirements, profit margins and other characteristics, to that of New Dragonfly. Duff & Phelps noted that none of the Selected Publicly Traded Companies are perfectly comparable to New Dragonfly. Duff & Phelps does not have access to non-public information of any of the Selected Publicly Traded Companies. Accordingly, a complete valuation analysis of New Dragonfly cannot rely solely upon a quantitative review of the Selected Publicly Traded Companies but involves complex considerations and judgments concerning differences in financial and operating characteristics of such companies, as well as other factors that could affect their value relative to that of New Dragonfly. Therefore, the Market Approach is subject to certain limitations.

The tables below summarize certain observed historical and projected financial performance and trading multiples of the Selected Publicly Traded Companies. The estimates for 2022 and 2023 in the tables below with respect to the Selected Publicly Traded Companies were derived based on information for the 12-month periods ending closest to New Dragonfly’s fiscal year ends for which information was available.

Selected Publicly Traded Companies

	LTM Revenue Growth	2022 Revenue Growth	2023 Revenue Growth	LTM EBITDA Growth	2022 EBITDA Growth	2023 EBITDA Growth
<u>Mature Lithium-Ion Battery Companies</u>						
BYD Company Limited	36.0%	53.2%	24.5%	-26.3%	47.9%	27.4%
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	20.0%	31.2%	18.6%	32.6%	34.7%	21.7%
<u>Solid State Battery Companies</u>						
QuantumScape Corporation	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Solid Power, Inc.	29.0%	47.5%	NM	NM	NM	NM
<u>Energy Storage/Other</u>						
Enovix Corporation	NM	NM	1376.3%	NM	NM	NM
Eos Energy Enterprises, Inc.	1918.8%	987.4%	321.2%	NM	NM	NM
ESS Tech, Inc.	NM	NM	2523.4%	NM	NM	NM
Li-Cycle Holdings Corp.	482.4%	417.9%	376.9%	NM	NM	NM
Microvast Holdings, Inc.	41.3%	38.8%	79.1%	NM	NM	NM
Stem, Inc.	221.4%	207.2%	62.5%	NM	NM	NM
				LTM EBITDA Margin	2022 EBITDA Margin	2023 EBITDA Margin
<u>Mature Lithium-Ion Battery Companies</u>						
BYD Company Limited				7.3%	8.0%	8.2%
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.				16.9%	17.4%	17.8%
<u>Solid State Battery Companies</u>						
QuantumScape Corporation				NM	NM	NM
Solid Power, Inc.				NM	NM	NM
<u>Energy Storage/Other</u>						
Enovix Corporation				NM	NM	NM
Eos Energy Enterprises, Inc.				NM	NM	NM
ESS Tech, Inc.				NM	NM	NM
Li-Cycle Holdings Corp.				NM	NM	11.5%
Microvast Holdings, Inc.				NM	NM	NM
Stem, Inc.				NM	NM	2.6%

	EV/ LTM Revenue	EV/ 2022 Revenue	EV/ 2023 Revenue	EV/ LTM EBITDA	EV/ 2022 EBITDA	EV/ 2023 EBITDA
<u>Mature Lithium-Ion Battery Companies</u>						
BYD Company Limited	2.72x	1.99x	1.60x	36.9x	24.8x	19.5x
Samsung SDI Co., Ltd.	2.38x	1.81x	1.53x	13.9x	10.4x	8.6x
<u>Solid State Battery Companies</u>						
QuantumScape Corporation	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Solid Power, Inc.	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
<u>Energy Storage/Other</u>						
Enovix Corporation	NM	90.58x	6.14x	NM	NM	NM
Eos Energy Enterprises, Inc.	16.25x	2.51x	0.60x	NM	NM	NM
ESS Tech, Inc.	NM	49.55x	1.89x	NM	NM	NM
Li-Cycle Holdings Corp.	65.03x	17.36x	3.64x	NM	NM	31.7x
Microvast Holdings, Inc.	4.62x	3.33x	1.86x	NM	NM	NM
Stem, Inc.	7.79x	3.05x	1.87x	NM	NM	71.4x

LTM = Latest Twelve Months

NM = Not Meaningful

EBITDA: Earning Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization

EV: Enterprise Value = Market capitalization plus debt, net of cash and equivalents

Sources: S&P Capital IQ, SEC Filings, Annual and Interim Reports, Investor Presentations

Summary Financial Analyses

Discounted Cash Flow Analysis

Based on the data shown in the tables above, Duff & Phelps selected a range of multiples to apply to New Dragonfly's projected 2023 revenue to obtain a range of Terminal Values to incorporate in to the DCF Analysis. In particular, Duff & Phelps analyzed LTM and projected 2022 revenue growth, LTM and projected 2022 EBITDA growth, LTM and projected 2022 EBITDA margins, and multiples of enterprise value-to-LTM and enterprise value-to-projected 2022 revenue for the Selected Publicly Traded Companies compared to projected 2023 revenue growth, projected 2023 EBITDA growth, projected 2023 EBITDA margin for New Dragonfly, based on the Financial Projections. Such analysis informed the selection of terminal multiples of projected 2023 revenue for New Dragonfly. Rather than applying the average or median multiple from these analyses, Duff & Phelps selected multiples that, in its judgement, reflected New Dragonfly's size, revenue growth outlook, capital requirements, profit margins, stage of product pipeline and other characteristics relative to the Selected Publicly Traded Companies. Based on these analyses, Duff & Phelps' selected a terminal revenue multiple range of 3.75x to 4.25x New Dragonfly's projected 2023 revenue which resulting terminal value range was utilized in the DCF Analysis to estimate the current enterprise value range of New Dragonfly. Duff & Phelps noted that the range of implied terminal EBITDA multiples of 24.4x to 27.7x based on the selected range of terminal revenue multiples was within the range of LTM EBITDA multiples for the mature battery company group.

Determination of an appropriate discount rate to use in the DCF Analysis requires a degree of judgment. Duff & Phelps considered a number of factors in determining the discount rate range, including the results of published studies on discount rates. Duff & Phelps also considered (i) New Dragonfly's stage in the cycle of management's business plan, (ii) New Dragonfly's projected financial performance and growth and (iii) the risks facing New Dragonfly in order to achieve the projected results, including execution risk and competitive risks, among others. Based on these factors and the published discount rate studies, Duff & Phelps used discount rates ranging from 25.0% to 30.0% to discount the projected unlevered free cash flows and the Terminal Value. Duff & Phelps believes that this range of discount rates is consistent with the rate of return

that security holders would require on alternative investment opportunities with similar risk profiles, including risks of achieving the projected cash flows based on the Financial Projections.

Based on these assumptions, Duff & Phelps' DCF Analysis resulted in an estimated enterprise value range for New Dragonfly of \$630 million to \$760 million.

Market Approach

Based on the data shown in the tables above, Duff & Phelps also selected a range of valuation multiples to apply to New Dragonfly's projected 2022 revenue and projected 2023 revenue to obtain a range of current enterprise values for New Dragonfly using the Market Approach. Duff & Phelps analyzed 2021 through 2023 revenue and EBITDA growth and 2021 through 2023 EBITDA margins for the Selected Publicly Traded Companies and compared these metrics to the same metrics for New Dragonfly, based on the Financial Projections. Duff & Phelps used these comparisons and the multiples of enterprise value-to-2022 projected revenue for the Selected Publicly Traded Companies to select a 2022 revenue multiple range of 5.50x to 6.50x to apply to New Dragonfly's projected 2022 revenue and the multiples of enterprise value-to-2023 projected revenue for the Selected Publicly Traded Companies to select a 2023 revenue multiple range of 2.50x to 3.00x to apply to New Dragonfly's projected 2023 revenue, resulting in an estimated current enterprise value range for New Dragonfly. Duff & Phelps selected multiples that, in its judgement, reflected New Dragonfly's revenue growth outlook, capital requirements, profit margins, stage of product pipeline and other characteristics relative to the Selected Publicly Traded Companies.

Duff & Phelps' Market Approach resulted in an estimated enterprise value range for New Dragonfly of \$640 million to \$760 million.

Conclusion

Duff & Phelps estimated the range of enterprise value of New Dragonfly to be \$640 million to \$760 million, based on the ranges indicated by the DCF Analysis and the Market Approach. Duff & Phelps further estimated the range of total equity value of New Dragonfly following the Business Combination by adding pro forma cash and cash equivalents of \$133 million (which assumes no redemptions), subtracting the face value of pro forma debt of \$75 million, subtracting the Duff & Phelps' estimated theoretical value range of Management Performance Shares of approximately \$150 million to \$210 million and subtracting Duff & Phelps' estimated value range of all warrants of \$7 million to \$8 million. Duff & Phelps estimated the value ranges for the Management Performance Shares and warrants with a stock price simulation model using volatility inputs derived from public companies. After making these adjustments, the estimated total equity value range for New Dragonfly was \$541 million to \$600 million.

Duff & Phelps calculated that the equity value of New Dragonfly implied by the Business Combination was \$566 million, which is equivalent to 56 million shares outstanding (assuming no redemptions) multiplied by \$10.15 per share. Duff & Phelps noted that the Aggregate Merger Consideration to be paid to current Dragonfly equityholders implied by the Business Combination is, therefore, \$372 million, which is based on Dragonfly's former owners' pro forma 65.8% ownership of New Dragonfly (based on the pro forma capitalization table for New Dragonfly and assuming no redemptions).

Duff & Phelps noted that the Aggregate Merger Consideration to be paid to current Dragonfly equityholders of \$372 million is within the range of \$356 million to \$395 million estimated for current Dragonfly equityholders' pro forma 65.8% ownership of New Dragonfly (based on the pro forma capitalization table for New Dragonfly and assuming no redemptions).

Duff & Phelps noted that Chardan's trust account balance of \$128.4 million is within the range of \$123 million to \$136 million estimated for Chardan stockholders' pro forma 22.7% ownership of New Dragonfly (based on the pro forma capitalization table for New Dragonfly and assuming no redemptions).

The Opinion was only one of the many factors considered by the Chardan Board in its evaluation of the Business Combination and should not be viewed as determinative of the views of the Chardan Board.

Fees and Expenses

As compensation for Duff & Phelps' services in connection with the rendering of the Opinion to the Chardan Board, Chardan agreed to pay Duff & Phelps a fee of \$450,000. A portion of the fee was payable upon delivery of the Opinion and a portion is payable upon consummation of the Business Combination.

No portion of Duff & Phelps' fee is refundable or contingent upon the conclusion reached in the Opinion.

Furthermore, Duff & Phelps is entitled to be paid additional fees at a percentage of Duff & Phelps' standard hourly rates for any time incurred should Duff & Phelps be called upon to support its findings subsequent to the delivery of its opinion. Chardan has also agreed to reimburse Duff & Phelps for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses and reasonable fees and expenses of outside counsel retained by Duff & Phelps in connection with the engagement. Chardan has also agreed to indemnify Duff & Phelps for certain liabilities arising out of its engagement.

The terms of the fee arrangements with Duff & Phelps, which Chardan believes are customary in transactions of this nature, were negotiated at arm's length, and the Chardan Board is aware of these fee arrangements.

Disclosure of Prior Relationships

Duff & Phelps previously provided a fairness opinion to an affiliate of Chardan in connection with an unrelated transaction. For this prior engagement, Duff & Phelps received customary fees, expense reimbursement, and indemnification. Duff & Phelps may seek to provide Chardan, Dragonfly, New Dragonfly and their respective affiliates and equity holders with financial advisory and other services unrelated to the Business Combination in the future, for which services Duff & Phelps would expect to receive compensation.

SPECIAL MEETING OF CHARDAN STOCKHOLDERS

General

Chardan is furnishing this proxy statement to Chardan's stockholders as part of the solicitation of proxies by the Chardan Board for use at the special meeting of Chardan stockholders to be held on [•] and at any adjournment or postponement thereof. This proxy statement provides Chardan's stockholders with information they need to know to be able to vote or instruct their vote to be cast at the special meeting.

Date, Time and Place

The special meeting of stockholders will be held at [•] a.m. Eastern Time, on [•], at the offices of [•] located at [•]. In the interest of public health, and due to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19), the special meeting may also be held through a "virtual" or online method.

We are sensitive to the public health and travel concerns our stockholders may have and recommendations that public health officials may issue in light of the evolving coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. As a result, we may impose additional procedures or limitations on meeting attendees or may decide to hold the meeting in a different location or solely by means of remote communication (i.e., a virtual-only meeting). We plan to announce any such updates on our proxy website at [•], and we encourage you to check this website prior to the meeting if you plan to attend.

Registering for the Special Meeting

If you are a registered stockholder, you will receive a proxy card from the Transfer Agent. The card will contain instructions on how to attend the Special Meeting, including how to register for the virtual Special Meeting.

If you do not have access to Internet, you can listen only to the meeting by dialing [•] (or [•] if you are located outside the United States and Canada (standard rates apply)) and when prompted enter the pin number. Please note that you will not be able to vote or ask questions at the Special Meeting if you choose to participate telephonically.

Purpose of the Chardan Special Meeting

At the special meeting, Chardan is asking holders of Chardan common stock to consider and vote upon:

- a proposal to approve the Business Combination, including (a) adopting the Business Combination Agreement and (b) approving the other transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement and related agreements described in this proxy statement. See the section entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal*" for additional information;
- a proposal to approve and adopt changes to the certificate of incorporation of Chardan reflected in the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Chardan in the form attached hereto as Annex B. See the section entitled "*Proposal No. 2 — The Charter Proposal*" for additional information;
- a proposal to approve and adopt the 2022 Plan. See the section entitled "*Proposal No. 3 — The Incentive Plan Proposal*" for additional information;
- a proposal to approve, for purposes of complying with the applicable rules of the Nasdaq, the issuance of more than 20% of Chardan's issued and outstanding shares of common stock in connection with the Business Combination, including, without limitation, the Aggregate Merger Consideration, the Earnout Shares, the PIPE Investment, the Term Loan Lender Warrants and the Equity Facility. See the section entitled "*Proposal No. 4 — The Nasdaq Proposal*" for additional information;
- a proposal to approve and adopt the ESPP. See the section entitled "*Proposal No. 5 — The ESPP Proposal*;" and
- a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the

Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal or the ESPP Proposal. See the section entitled “*Proposal No. 6 — The Adjournment Proposal.*”

Recommendation of the Chardan Board

The Chardan Board unanimously recommends that stockholders vote “FOR” the Business Combination Proposal, “FOR” the Charter Proposal, “FOR” the Incentive Plan Proposal, “FOR” the Nasdaq Proposal, “FOR” the ESPP Proposal and “FOR” the Adjournment Proposal, if presented.

When you consider the Chardan Board’s recommendation of these proposals, you should keep in mind that our directors and officers have interests in the Business Combination that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of Chardan stockholders generally. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination*” for additional information. The Chardan Board was aware of and considered these interests, among other matters, in evaluating and negotiating the Business Combination and in recommending to the Chardan stockholders that they vote “FOR” the proposals presented at the special meeting.

Record Date; Persons Entitled to Vote

Chardan has fixed the close of business on [•], as the record date for determining Chardan stockholders entitled to notice of and to attend and vote at the special meeting. As of the close of business on the record date, there were [15,812,500] shares of Chardan common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. Each share of Chardan common stock is entitled to one vote per share at the special meeting.

Quorum

The presence at the special meeting by attendance in person, virtually or by proxy, of a majority of the voting power of all the outstanding shares of Chardan common stock as of the record date entitled to vote constitutes a quorum at the special meeting. Proxies that are marked “ABSTAIN” will be treated as shares present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum on all matters. Broker non-votes will not be counted for the purposes of determining the existence of a quorum or for purposes of determining the number of votes cast at the special meeting.

Vote Required for Approval

The approval of each of the Business Combination Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal, the ESPP Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of the majority of Chardan’s shares of common stock present at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is established, a Chardan stockholder’s failure to vote by proxy or to vote at the special meeting with regard to Business Combination Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal, the ESPP Proposal and the Adjournment Proposal will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” such proposals.

The approval of the Charter Proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of Chardan’s outstanding shares of common stock. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is established, a Chardan stockholder’s failure to vote by proxy or to vote at the special meeting with regard to the Charter Proposal will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” such proposal.

Consummation of the Business Combination is conditioned on the approval of each of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal and the ESPP Proposal. **It is important for you to note that in the event that the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal or the ESPP Proposal do not receive the requisite vote for approval, we will not consummate the Business Combination.**

Effect of Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes

Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” each of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal, the ESPP Proposal, and the Adjournment Proposal.

Under the rules of various national and regional securities exchanges, your broker, bank or nominee cannot vote your shares with respect to non-routine matters unless you provide instructions on how to vote in accordance with the information and procedures provided to you by your broker, bank or nominee. We believe the proposals presented to the stockholders at the special meeting will be considered non-routine and, therefore, your broker, bank or nominee cannot vote your shares without your instruction on any of the proposals presented at the special meeting. If you do not provide instructions with your proxy, your broker, bank, or other nominee may deliver a proxy card expressly indicating that it is NOT voting your shares; this indication that a broker, bank or nominee is not voting your shares is referred to as a “broker non-vote.”

Broker non-votes will not be counted for the purposes of determining the existence of a quorum or for purposes of determining the number of votes cast at the special meeting. Your bank, broker or other nominee can vote your shares only if you provide instructions on how to vote. You should instruct your broker to vote your shares in accordance with directions you provide.

Broker non-votes will count as a vote “AGAINST” the Charter Proposal but will not have any effect on the outcome of any other proposals.

Voting Your Shares

Each share of Chardan common stock that you own in your name entitles you to one vote. If your shares are held in “street name” or are in a margin or similar account, you should contact your broker to ensure that votes related to the shares you beneficially own are properly counted.

There are two ways to vote your shares of Chardan common stock at the special meeting:

- *You Can Vote By Signing and Returning the Enclosed Proxy Card.* If you vote by proxy card, your “proxy,” whose name is listed on the proxy card, will vote your shares as you instruct on the proxy card. If you sign and return the proxy card but do not give instructions on how to vote your shares, your shares will be voted “FOR” the Business Combination Proposal, “FOR” the Charter Proposal, “FOR” the Incentive Plan Proposal, “FOR” the Nasdaq Proposal, “FOR” the ESPP Proposal and “FOR” the Adjournment Proposal, if presented. Votes received after a matter has been voted upon at the special meeting will not be counted.
- You can attend the special meeting in person or virtually and vote during the meeting by following the instructions on your proxy card.

However, if your shares are held in the name of your broker, bank or another nominee, you must get a proxy from the broker, bank or other nominee. That is the only way Chardan can be sure that the broker, bank or nominee has not already voted your shares.

Revoking Your Proxy

If you are a stockholder and you give a proxy, you may revoke it at any time before it is exercised by doing any one of the following:

- you may send another proxy card with a later date;
- you may notify Chardan’s Secretary in writing before the special meeting that you have revoked your proxy; or
- you may attend the special meeting, revoke your proxy, and vote at the special meeting, as indicated above.

Who Can Answer Your Questions About Voting Your Shares

If you are a stockholder and have any questions about how to vote or direct a vote in respect of your shares of Chardan common stock, you may call [Chardan’s proxy solicitor, [•], toll-free at [•] or banks and brokers may call collect at [•], or Chardan at (646) 465-9000].

Redemption Rights

Pursuant to our current certificate of incorporation, holders of public shares may seek to redeem their shares for cash, regardless of whether they vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the Business Combination Proposal.

Any stockholder holding public shares as of the record date who votes “FOR” or “AGAINST” the Business Combination Proposal may demand that Chardan redeem such shares for a full pro rata portion of the trust account (which, for illustrative purposes, was approximately \$[10.15] per share as of [•]), calculated as of two business days prior to the anticipated consummation of the Business Combination. If a holder properly seeks redemption as described in this section and the Business Combination is consummated, Chardan will redeem these shares for a pro rata portion of funds deposited in the trust account and the holder will no longer own these shares following the Business Combination. The redemption rights include the requirement that a holder must identify himself, herself or itself in writing as a beneficial holder and provide his, her or its legal name, phone number and address to the transfer agent in order to validly redeem his, her or its shares.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a holder of public shares, together with any of its affiliates or any other person with whom such holder is acting in concert or as a “group” (as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), will be restricted from seeking redemption rights with respect to more than 20% of the public shares. Accordingly, all public shares in excess of 20% held by a public stockholder, together with any affiliate of such holder or any other person with whom such holder is acting in concert or as a “group,” will not be redeemed for cash.

The Sponsor and the Insiders will not have redemption rights with respect to any shares of Chardan common stock owned by them, directly or indirectly in connection with the Business Combination.

Holders may demand redemption by delivering their stock, either physically or electronically using the Depository Trust Company’s DWAC System, to the Transfer Agent prior to the vote at the special meeting. If you hold the shares in street name, you will have to coordinate with your broker to have your shares certificated or delivered electronically. Certificates that have not been tendered (either physically or electronically) in accordance with these procedures will not be redeemed for cash. There is a nominal cost associated with this tendering process and the act of certificating the shares or delivering them through the DWAC system. The transfer agent will typically charge the tendering broker \$100 and it would be up to the broker whether or not to pass this cost on to the redeeming stockholder. In the event the Business Combination is not consummated this may result in an additional cost to stockholders for the return of their shares.

Any request to redeem such shares, once made, may be withdrawn at any time up to the vote on the Business Combination Proposal. Furthermore, if a holder of a public share delivered its certificate in connection with an election of its redemption and subsequently decides prior to the applicable date not to elect to exercise such rights, it may simply request that the transfer agent return the certificate (physically or electronically).

If the Business Combination is not approved or completed for any reason, then Chardan’s public stockholders who elected to exercise their redemption rights will not be entitled to redeem their shares for a full pro rata portion of the trust account, as applicable. In such case, Chardan will promptly return any shares delivered by public holders. Additionally, if Chardan would be left with less than \$5,000,001 of net tangible assets as a result of the holders of public shares properly demanding redemption of their shares for cash, Chardan will not be able to consummate the Business Combination.

The closing price of Chardan common stock on [•] was \$[•] per share. The cash held in the trust account on such date was approximately \$[128,397,500] (approximately \$[10.15] per public share). Prior to exercising redemption rights, stockholders should verify the market price of Chardan common stock as they may receive higher proceeds from the sale of their common stock in the public market than from exercising their redemption rights if the market price per share is higher than the redemption price. Chardan cannot assure its stockholders that they will be able to sell their shares of Chardan common stock in the open market, even if the market price per share is higher than the redemption price stated above, as there may not be sufficient liquidity in its securities when its stockholders wish to sell their shares.

If a holder of public shares exercises its redemption rights, then it will be exchanging its shares of Chardan common stock for cash and will no longer own those shares. You will be entitled to receive cash for these shares only if you properly demand redemption no later than the close of the vote on the Business Combination Proposal by delivering your stock certificate (either physically or electronically) to the Transfer Agent prior to the vote at the special meeting, and the Business Combination is consummated.

Appraisal Rights / Dissenter's Rights

Neither stockholders, unitholders nor warrant holders of Chardan have appraisal rights in connection the Business Combination under the DGCL.

Under the Nevada Dissenter's Rights Statutes (NRS 92A.300 through NRS 92A.500, inclusive), any Dragonfly stockholder who does not vote or sign a written consent (and who does not cause or permit the stockholder's shares to be voted) in favor of the Merger will have the right to dissent from the Merger and, in lieu of receiving the Per Share Merger Consideration with respect to the stockholder's Dragonfly shares, obtain payment of the fair value (as defined in NRS 92A.320) of the stockholder's Dragonfly shares, but only if the stockholder complies with all other applicable requirements under the Nevada Dissenter's Rights Statutes. The Dragonfly stockholders must also approve the Merger, and the Dragonfly Stockholder Approval must be obtained and delivered to Chardan by execution of a written consent by 85% of the outstanding shares of Dragonfly common stock.

Please see the section entitled "*Appraisal Rights and Dissenter's Rights*" for additional information.

Proxy Solicitation Costs

Chardan is soliciting proxies on behalf of its board of directors. This solicitation is being made by mail. Chardan and its directors, officers and employees may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone or by other electronic means. Chardan will bear the cost of the solicitation.

[Chardan has hired [•] to assist in the proxy solicitation process. Chardan will pay that firm a fee of \$[•] plus disbursements. Such payment will be made from non-trust account funds.

Chardan will ask banks, brokers and other institutions, nominees and fiduciaries to forward the proxy materials to their principals and to obtain their authority to execute proxies and voting instructions. Chardan will reimburse them for their reasonable expenses.]

PROPOSAL NO. 1 — THE BUSINESS COMBINATION PROPOSAL

Overview

Chardan's stockholders are being asked to approve the Business Combination with Dragonfly described in this proxy statement, including (a) adopting the Business Combination Agreement and (b) approving the other transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement and related agreements described in this proxy statement. The discussion in this proxy statement of the Business Combination and the principal terms of the Business Combination Agreement is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the Business Combination Agreement, which is attached as Annex A to this proxy statement.

You should carefully read this proxy statement in its entirety for more detailed information concerning the Business Combination Agreement. Please see the subsection entitled "*— Business Combination Agreement*" below for additional information and a summary of certain terms of the Business Combination Agreement.

We may consummate the Business Combination only if it is approved by the affirmative vote of holders of the majority of Chardan's shares of common stock present at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon.

The Business Combination Agreement

This subsection of the proxy statement describes the material provisions of the Business Combination Agreement, but does not purport to describe all of the terms of the Business Combination Agreement. The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Business Combination Agreement, which is attached as Annex A to this proxy statement. You are urged to read the Business Combination Agreement in its entirety because it is the primary legal document that governs the Business Combination.

The Business Combination Agreement contains representations, warranties and covenants that the respective parties made to each other as of the date of the Business Combination Agreement or other specific dates. The assertions embodied in those representations, warranties and covenants were made for purposes of the contract among the respective parties and are subject to important qualifications and limitations agreed to by the parties in connection with negotiating the Business Combination Agreement. The representations, warranties and covenants in the Business Combination Agreement are also modified in part by the disclosure schedules (the "*disclosure schedules*"), which are not filed publicly and which are subject to a contractual standard of materiality different from that generally applicable to stockholders and were used for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties rather than establishing matters as facts. We do not believe that the disclosure schedules contain information that is material to an investment decision. Additionally, the representations and warranties of the parties to the Business Combination Agreement may or may not have been accurate as of any specific date and do not purport to be accurate as of the date of this proxy statement. Accordingly, no person should rely on the representations and warranties in the Business Combination Agreement or the summaries thereof in this proxy statement as characterizations of the actual state of facts about Chardan, Merger Sub, Dragonfly or any other matter.

On May 15, 2022, Chardan, Merger Sub and Dragonfly entered into the Business Combination Agreement, which provides, among other things, that the parties to the Business Combination Agreement will cause articles of merger to be executed and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada, pursuant to which Merger Sub will merge with and into Dragonfly, with Dragonfly as the surviving corporation in the Merger and, after giving effect to such merger, Dragonfly will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chardan. The Aggregate Merger Consideration to be received by equityholders of Dragonfly as of immediately prior to the Closing (including pursuant to the Dragonfly Incentive Plan, as described below) will be 40,000,000 shares of Chardan common stock. Dragonfly stockholders will also have the contingent right to receive up to 40,000,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock in the aggregate as Earnout Consideration.

Under the Nevada Dissenter's Rights Statutes (NRS 92A.300 through NRS 92A.500, inclusive), any Dragonfly stockholder who does not vote or sign a written consent (and who does not cause or permit the stockholder's shares to be voted) in favor of the Merger will have the right to dissent from the Merger and, in lieu of receiving the Per Share Merger Consideration with respect to the stockholder's Dragonfly shares,

obtain payment of the fair value (as defined in NRS 92A.320) of the stockholder's Dragonfly shares, but only if the stockholder complies with all other applicable requirements under the Nevada Dissenter's Rights Statutes. Please see the section entitled "*Appraisal Rights and Dissenter's Rights*" for additional information.

In connection with the foregoing and concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan entered into the Subscription Agreement with the Sponsor, pursuant to which the Sponsor has agreed to subscribe for and purchase, and Chardan has agreed to issue and sell, an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Chardan common stock at a price of \$10.00 per share, for aggregate gross proceeds of \$5 million (the "*Aggregate Subscription Amount*"), on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in such Subscription Agreement. The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market provided such shares are not redeemed (as described below). Please see "*— Related Agreements — Subscription Agreement*" for additional information.

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly entered into a commitment letter (the "*Debt Commitment Letter*") with CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets (the "*Chardan Lender*"), and EICF Agent LLC (collectively, the "*Term Loan Lenders*"), pursuant to which the Term Loan Lenders have agreed to provide Dragonfly with a senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$75 million (the "*Term Loan*") on the Closing Date subject to the satisfaction of a number of specified conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. The obligations of the Term Loan Lenders to provide the Term Loan will terminate on October 31, 2022. The Chardan Lender intends to backstop its commitment under the Debt Commitment Letter by entering into a backstop commitment letter (the "*Backstop Commitment Letter*") with certain third party financing sources (the "*Backstop Lenders*") prior to the Closing Date.

The proceeds of the Term Loan may be used (i) to support the Business Combination, (ii) to repay outstanding indebtedness and other obligations of Dragonfly, (iii) to pay fees and expenses in connection with the foregoing, (iv) to provide additional growth capital and (v) for other general/corporate purposes. The Term Loan must be fully drawn on the Closing Date and will mature four years from the Closing Date.

In connection with the Term Loan, New Dragonfly will also issue to the Term Loan Lenders (but not the Chardan Lender in the event it has not backstopped its commitment pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter and transferred all rights and obligations under the Debt Commitment Letter to the Backstop Lenders) the Penny Warrants, exercisable to purchase 3.6% of Dragonfly's common stock on a fully-diluted basis, and the \$10 Warrants, which are exercisable to purchase 1.6 million shares of Dragonfly's common stock at \$10 per share.

The definitive documentation for the Term Loan has not been finalized and, accordingly, the actual terms of the Term Loan, may differ from those described in this proxy statement/prospectus. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Debt Commitment Letter*" for additional information.

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan, Dragonfly and CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets (the "*Equity Facility Investor*"), entered into an equity facility letter agreement on May 15, 2022 (the "*Equity Facility Letter Agreement*"), pursuant to which Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into definitive documentation (the "*Equity Facility Definitive Documentation*") to establish a committed equity facility (the "*Equity Facility*") prior to the Closing Date. The Equity Facility Definitive Documentation will contain terms that are consistent with the Equity Facility Letter Agreement and customary for documentation of this nature. Pursuant to and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions to be set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, including the filing and effectiveness of a registration statement registering the resale by the Equity Facility Investor of the shares of New Dragonfly Common Stock issued to it under the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, New Dragonfly will have the right from time to time at its option to direct the Equity Facility Investor to purchase up to a specified maximum amount of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, up to a maximum aggregate purchase price of \$150,000,000] over the 36-month term of the Equity Facility. While there will be distinct differences, the Equity Facility will be structured similarly to a traditional at-the-market equity facility, insofar as it will allow New Dragonfly to raise primary equity capital on a periodic basis outside the context of a traditional underwritten follow-on offering.

The PIPE Securities to be issued or issuable pursuant to the Subscription Agreement have not been registered under the Securities Act in reliance upon the exemption provided in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. Chardan has granted the PIPE Investor certain registration rights in connection with the PIPE Investment. The PIPE Investment is contingent upon, among other things, the substantially concurrent closing of the Business Combination.]

In connection with the Business Combination, certain related agreements have been, or will be entered into on or prior to Closing, including the Subscription Agreement, the Sponsor Support Agreement, the Registration Rights Agreement (each as hereinafter defined) and the other documents delivered pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement. See “— *Related Agreements*” for more information.

Consideration to Dragonfly Holders in the Business Combination

In accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions of the Business Combination Agreement, the holders of Dragonfly Conversion Shares will receive a portion of the Aggregate Merger Consideration equal to (1) the Exchange Ratio, *multiplied by* (2) the number of Dragonfly Conversion Shares held by such holder as of immediately prior to the Effective Time, with fractional shares rounded down to the nearest whole share as to each such separate holder of Dragonfly Conversion Share. Further, in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions of the Business Combination Agreement, the holders of Dragonfly Conversion Shares will receive their pro rata portion of the Earnout Consideration on the applicable earnout achievement dates to the extent due and issuable, with fractional shares rounded to the nearest whole share as to each such separate holder of Dragonfly Conversion Shares.

Holders of Dragonfly stock will have the contingent right to receive up to 40,000,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock in the aggregate (“*Earnout Consideration*”), as follows:

- New Dragonfly shall issue 15,000,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock in the aggregate, if, as disclosed in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 for New Dragonfly filed with the SEC, Acquiror’s (x) total audited revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023 is equal to or greater than \$250,000,000, and (y) audited operating income for the year ended December 31, 2023 is equal to or greater than \$35,000,000 (the “*First Milestone*”).
- New Dragonfly shall issue an additional 12,500,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock, in the aggregate, if at any time during the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending on December 31, 2026 (the “*Second Milestone Earnout Period*”), the VWAP of the New Dragonfly common stock over any 20 Trading Days (which may or may not be consecutive) within any 30 consecutive Trading Day period is greater than or equal to \$22.50 per share of New Dragonfly common stock (the “*Second Milestone*”).
- New Dragonfly shall issue an additional 12,500,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock, in the aggregate, if at any time during the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending on December 31, 2028 (the “*Third Milestone Earnout Period*” and together with the Second Milestone Earnout Period, each, an “*Earnout Period*” and collectively, the “*Earnout Periods*”), the VWAP of the New Dragonfly common stock over any 20 Trading Days (which may or may not be consecutive) within any 30 consecutive Trading Day period is greater than or equal to \$32.50 per share of New Dragonfly common stock (the “*Third Milestone*” and together with the First Milestone and the Second Milestone, the “*Earnout Milestones*”). If the Third Milestone is reached on or prior to the Third Earnout Period, New Dragonfly shall also issue the shares of New Dragonfly common stock issuable pursuant to the Second Milestone to the extent such shares had not been previously vested (*i.e.*, New Dragonfly shall issue a total of 25,000,000 shares, and if the First Milestone was reached, New Dragonfly will have issued a total of 40,000,000 shares).
- Upon the consummation of a change of control transaction during either the Second Milestone Earnout Period or the Third Milestone Earnout Period, any Earnout Milestone with respect to such Earnout Period that has not yet been achieved shall automatically be deemed to have been achieved if a change of control transaction is announced with an imputed share price of New Dragonfly common stock of at least \$22.50 on or prior to the Second Earnout Period or \$32.50 on prior to the Third Earnout Period.

Further, each Dragonfly option will be converted into a Chardan option, and such exchanged Dragonfly option will be subject to substantially the same vesting terms applicable to the Dragonfly options as of immediately prior to the Closing except that (i) such Chardan option shall provide the right to purchase that whole number of shares of Acquiror Common Stock (rounded down to the nearest whole share) equal to the number of shares of Dragonfly common stock subject to such Chardan option, *multiplied by* the Exchange Ratio, and (ii) the exercise price per share for each such Chardan option shall be equal to the exercise price per share of such Dragonfly option in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, *divided by* the Exchange Ratio (the exercise price per share, as so determined, being rounded up to the nearest full cent); provided, however, that the conversion of any such Dragonfly options that are “incentive stock options” (within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code) will be made in a manner that is intended to be consistent with Treasury Regulations Section 1.424-1, and the conversion of all Dragonfly options will be made in a manner, such that such conversion will not constitute a “modification” of such Dragonfly options for purposes of Section 409A or Section 424 of the Code, as applicable.

Closing and Effective Time of the Business Combination

The Closing of the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement is required to take place electronically by exchange of the closing deliverables via e-mail or facsimile on the second business day following the satisfaction (or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, waiver) of the conditions described below under the section entitled “— *Conditions to the Closing of the Business Combination*,” (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to satisfaction or waiver of such conditions) or at such other place, date and/or time as Chardan and Dragonfly may agree in writing.

Conditions to the Closing of the Business Combination

Conditions to Each Party’s Obligations

The respective obligations of each party to the Business Combination Agreement to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination are subject to the satisfaction or, if permitted by applicable law, written waiver by the party whose benefit such condition exists of the following conditions:

- no governmental authority shall have enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any law, judgment, decree, executive order or award which is then in effect and has the effect of making the transactions, including the Merger, illegal or otherwise prohibiting or enjoining consummation of the transactions, including the Merger;
- this proxy statement shall have received SEC clearance;
- the waiting period or periods under the HSR Act applicable to the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement and the Ancillary Agreements (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement) shall have expired or been terminated;
- the Chardan common stock to be issued in connection with the transactions shall have been approved for listing on Nasdaq;
- Chardan shall have at least \$5,000,001 of net tangible assets (as determined in accordance with Rule 3a51-1(g)(1) of the Exchange Act and inclusive of the PIPE Investment Amount actually received by Chardan prior to or substantially concurrently with the Closing);
- the Business Combination Agreement and, to the extent required, the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement (including the Merger) shall have been approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of the requisite number of Chardan common stock being obtained in accordance with Chardan’s current certificate of incorporation and bylaws, applicable law, and the rules and regulations of Nasdaq; and
- the Business Combination Agreement and, to the extent required, the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement (including the Merger) shall have been approved by the requisite number of stockholders of Dragonfly in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes, Dragonfly’s governing documents and agreements between Dragonfly and its stockholders (“*Dragonfly Stockholder Approval*”). The Dragonfly Stockholder Approval was obtained and delivered to Chardan immediately

following the execution of the Business Combination Agreement by execution of a written consent by 85% of the outstanding shares of Dragonfly common stock.

Other Conditions to the Obligations of Chardan

The obligations of Chardan to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement are subject to the satisfaction or, if permitted by applicable law, written waiver by Chardan of the following further conditions:

- certain of the representations and warranties of Dragonfly pertaining to the capitalization of Dragonfly must be true and correct in all but de minimis respects as of the Closing Date, except with respect to such representations and warranties which speak as to an earlier date;
- each of the Dragonfly Fundamental Representations (other than those portions of the capitalization representations referenced in the preceding bullet point) must be true and correct in all material respects, in each case as of the Closing Date, except with respect to such representations and warranties which speak as to an earlier date, which representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects at and as of such date;
- the other representations and warranties of Dragonfly shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation as to “materiality” or “Material Adverse Effect” or any similar limitation set forth in the Business Combination Agreement) as of the Closing Date (or, if given as of an earlier date, as of such earlier date), except where the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect;
- Dragonfly shall have performed and complied in all material respects with the covenants and agreements required to be performed or complied with by it under the Business Combination Agreement as of or prior to the Closing;
- the Company Preferred Conversion shall have occurred or will occur immediately prior to the Effective Time;
- The Key Employment Agreements shall have been amended in accordance with the terms of the applicable amendments, and shall continue to be in full force and effect and shall not have been terminated for any reason;
- Dragonfly shall have (x) delivered the Payoff Consent (as defined below) Payoff Letter (as defined below) and repaid all outstanding PIUS Debt (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement) or (y) if the debt financing is not consummated, refinanced the PIUS Debt on mutually agreeable terms; and
- no Material Adverse Effect shall have occurred since the date of the Business Combination Agreement.

Other Conditions to the Obligations of Dragonfly

The obligations of Dragonfly to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement are subject to the satisfaction or, if permitted by applicable law, written waiver by Dragonfly of the following further conditions:

- certain of the representations and warranties of Chardan regarding the capitalization of Chardan, must be true and correct in all but de minimis respects as of the Closing Date, except with respect to such representations and warranties which speak as to an earlier date, which representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all but de minimis respects at and as of such date;
- the other representations and warranties regarding Chardan and Merger Sub shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation of “materiality” or “material adverse effect” or any similar limitation set forth in the Business Combination Agreement) as of the Closing Date, except where the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse effect on Chardan’s ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement; and

- Chardan shall have performed and complied in all material respects with the covenants and agreements required to be performed or complied with by it under the Business Combination Agreement.

Representations and Warranties

Under the Business Combination Agreement, Dragonfly made customary representations and warranties to Chardan and Merger Sub relating to, among other things: organization, standing and corporate power; corporate authority; non-contravention governmental approvals; capitalization; subsidiaries; financial statements; internal controls; compliance with laws; absence of certain changes or events; no undisclosed liabilities; information supplied; litigation; contracts; employment matters; taxes; intellectual property; data protection; information technology; real property; insurance; environmental matters; regulatory matters; brokers; affiliate agreements; and no other representations or warranties.

Under the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan made customary representations and warranties to Dragonfly relating to, among other things: organization, standing and corporate power; corporate authority; approval; non-contravention; litigation; compliance with laws; employee benefit plans; financial ability; trust account; taxes; brokers; Chardan SEC reports; financial statements; Sarbanes-Oxley Act; business activities; absence of changes; proxy statement; no outside reliance; capitalization; Nasdaq stock market quotation; contracts; no defaults; title to property; Investment Company Act; affiliate agreements; takeover statutes and charter provisions; Aggregate Subscription Amount; Subscription Agreement; and no other representations or warranties.

Material Adverse Effect

Under the Business Combination Agreement, certain representations and warranties of Dragonfly, Chardan and Merger Sub are qualified in whole or in part by materiality thresholds. In addition, certain representations and warranties of Dragonfly are qualified in whole or in part by a material adverse effect standard for purposes of determining whether a breach of such representations and warranties has occurred.

Pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, a “Company Material Adverse Effect” means any event, state of facts, development, circumstance, occurrence or effect (collectively, “Events”) that (a) has had, or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on the business, assets, results of operations or financial condition of Dragonfly and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole or (b) does or would reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, prevent the ability of Dragonfly to consummate the Merger; provided, however, that in no event would any of the following, alone or in combination, be deemed to constitute, or be taken into account in determining whether there has been or will be, a “Company Material Adverse Effect”: (i) any change in applicable Laws or GAAP or any authoritative interpretation thereof following the date of the Business Combination Agreement, (ii) any change in interest rates or economic, political, business or financial market conditions generally, (iii) the taking of any action required by the Business Combination Agreement, (iv) any natural disaster (including hurricanes, storms, tornados, flooding, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions or similar occurrences), pandemic or change in climate, (v) any acts of terrorism or war, the outbreak or escalation of hostilities, geopolitical conditions, local, national or international political conditions, (vi) any failure of Dragonfly to meet any projections or forecasts (provided that this clause (vi) shall not prevent a determination that any Event not otherwise excluded from this definition of Company Material Adverse Effect underlying such failure to meet projections or forecasts has resulted in a Company Material Adverse Effect), (vii) the announcement of the Business Combination Agreement and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (it being understood that this clause (vii) shall be disregarded for purposes of the representation and warranty set forth in Section 4.4 of the Business Combination Agreement and any representation or warranty which by its terms is intended to address the consequences of the announcement of the Business Combination Agreement and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and the condition to Closing with respect thereto), or (ix) any action taken by Dragonfly or its Subsidiaries at the written request of, Chardan or Merger Sub; provided, further, that any Event referred to in clauses (i), (ii), (iv) or (v) above may be taken into account in determining if a Company Material Adverse Effect has occurred to the extent it has a disproportionate and adverse effect on the business, assets, results of operations or financial condition of Dragonfly and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to similarly situated companies in the industries in which Dragonfly and its Subsidiaries conduct their respective operations, but only to the extent of the incremental disproportionate effect on Dragonfly and its

Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to similarly situated companies in the industries in which Dragonfly and its Subsidiaries conduct their respective operations.

Covenants of the Parties

Covenants of Dragonfly

Dragonfly made certain covenants under the Business Combination Agreement, including, among others, the following:

- Subject to certain exceptions (including with respect to potential suspension of operations for COVID-19) or as consented to in writing by Chardan (such consent not to be unreasonably conditioned, withheld or delayed), prior to the Closing, Dragonfly will conduct and operate its business in the ordinary course, consistent with past practice, in all material respects, use commercially reasonable efforts to preserve intact Dragonfly's current business organization and ongoing businesses, and maintain its existing relations and goodwill with its customers, suppliers, distributors and creditors, and use commercially reasonable efforts to retain the services of its present officers.
- Subject to certain exceptions, prior to the Closing, Dragonfly will not do any of the following without Chardan's written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably conditioned, withheld or delayed):
 - change or amend the Governing Documents of Dragonfly or any of Dragonfly's Subsidiaries or form or cause to be formed any new Subsidiary of Dragonfly;
 - make or declare any dividend or distribution to the equityholders of Dragonfly or make any other distributions in respect of any shares of the Company Capital Stock or the Equity Securities of Dragonfly or any of its Subsidiaries;
 - split, combine, reclassify, recapitalize or otherwise amend any terms of any shares or series of Dragonfly's or any of its Subsidiaries' capital stock or Equity Securities, except for any such transaction by a wholly owned Subsidiary of Dragonfly that remains a wholly owned Subsidiary of Dragonfly after consummation of such transaction;
 - purchase, repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any issued and outstanding share capital, outstanding shares of capital stock, membership interests or other Equity Securities of Dragonfly or its Subsidiaries, except for (i) the acquisition by Dragonfly or any of its Subsidiaries of any shares of capital stock, membership interests or other Equity Securities of Dragonfly or its Subsidiaries in connection with the forfeiture or cancellation of such interests, (ii) transactions between Dragonfly and any wholly owned Subsidiary of Dragonfly or between wholly owned Subsidiaries of Dragonfly or (iii) purchases or redemptions pursuant to exercises of Company Options issued and outstanding as of the date hereof or the withholding of shares to satisfy net settlement or Tax obligations with respect to Company Awards outstanding as of the date hereof in accordance with the terms of such Company Awards;
 - enter into, modify in any material respect or terminate (other than expiration in accordance with its terms) any Contract of a type required to be listed on Section 4.12(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter, in each case, other than in the ordinary course of business or as required by Law;
 - fail to exercise any rights of renewal with respect to any Leased Real Property that by its terms would otherwise expire, or enter into or terminate any Real Property Lease other than in the ordinary course of business or as required by Law;
 - sell, assign, transfer, convey, lease or otherwise dispose of, or create or incur any Lien (except for a Permitted Lien) on, any material tangible assets or properties of Dragonfly or its Subsidiaries, except for (i) dispositions of obsolete or worthless equipment, (ii) transactions among Dragonfly and its wholly owned Subsidiaries or among its wholly owned Subsidiaries and (iii) the sale of Dragonfly's inventory in the ordinary course of business;
 - acquire any ownership interest in any real property;

- except as otherwise required by Law, the terms of the applicable Company Benefit Plan as in effect on the date hereof, or the Contracts listed on Section 4.12 of the Company Disclosure Letter as in effect on the date hereof, (i) agree to pay any severance, retention, change in control or termination or similar compensation or benefits to any employee, officer, director or other individual service provider of Dragonfly or its Subsidiaries, (ii) hire or terminate any officer, director or employee of Dragonfly or any Subsidiary receiving annual base compensation equal to or in excess of \$150,000, other than terminations of employment for cause or due to death or disability, (iii) terminate, adopt, enter into or amend any Company Benefit Plan, (iv) increase the compensation or bonus opportunity of any employee, officer, director or other individual service provider, [except in the ordinary course of business for employees who are not executive officers,] (v) establish any trust or take any other action to secure the payment of any compensation payable by Dragonfly or any of Dragonfly's Subsidiaries to any employee, officer, director or other individual service provider of Dragonfly or any of Dragonfly's Subsidiaries, (vi) take any action to amend or waive any performance or vesting criteria or to accelerate the time of payment or vesting of any compensation or benefit payable by Dragonfly or any of Dragonfly's Subsidiaries except in the ordinary course of business for employees who are not executive officers to the extent that the actions (individually or in the aggregate) do not materially increase costs to the Surviving Corporation, or (vii) grant any new equity awards to any employee, officer, director or other individual service provider of Dragonfly or any of Dragonfly's Subsidiaries (whether under the Dragonfly Incentive Plans or otherwise) ;
- (i) acquire by merger or consolidation with, or merge or consolidate with, or purchase substantially all or a material amount of the assets of, any corporation, partnership, association, joint venture or other business organization or division thereof or (ii) launch a joint venture or similar arrangement with any corporation, partnership, association, or other business organization or division thereof;
- (i) issue or sell any debt securities or warrants or other rights to acquire any debt securities of Dragonfly or any Subsidiary of Dragonfly or otherwise incur or assume any Indebtedness, or (ii) guarantee any Indebtedness of another Person, except in the ordinary course of business;
- (i) make, change, or revoke any material Tax election, (ii) materially amend, modify or otherwise change any filed material Tax Return, (iii) adopt or request permission of any taxing authority to change any accounting method in respect of material Taxes, (iv) enter into any closing agreement in respect of material Taxes or enter into any Tax sharing or similar agreement (other than any Contract solely between Dragonfly and its existing Subsidiaries or any customary commercial Contract (or Contract entered into in the ordinary course of business) not primarily related to Taxes), (v) settle any claim or assessment in respect of material Taxes, (vi) surrender or allow to expire any right to claim a refund of material Taxes or (vii) consent to any extension or waiver of the limitation period applicable to any claim or assessment in respect of material Taxes;
- take any action, or knowingly fail to take any action, where such action or failure to act could reasonably be expected to prevent the Merger from qualifying for the Intended Tax Treatment;
- issue any additional shares of Company Capital Stock or securities exercisable for or convertible into shares of Company Capital Stock, other than the issuance of shares of Company common stock (i) upon the exercise of Company Options pursuant to their terms in the ordinary course of business under the Dragonfly Incentive Plans and the applicable award agreements, in each case, outstanding on the date of the Business Combination Agreement in accordance with their terms as in effect as of the date of the Business Combination Agreement and (ii) pursuant to the Company Preferred Conversion;
- adopt a plan of, or otherwise enter into or effect a, complete or partial liquidation, dissolution, restructuring, recapitalization or other reorganization of Dragonfly or its Subsidiaries (other than the Merger);
- commence, waive, release, settle, compromise or otherwise resolve any inquiry, investigation, claim, Action, litigation or other Legal Proceedings, except where such waivers, releases, settlements or compromises involve only the payment of monetary damages in an amount less than \$[•] in the aggregate;

- grant to, or agree to grant to, any Person rights to any Intellectual Property that is material to Dragonfly and its Subsidiaries (other than non-exclusive licenses granted in the ordinary course of business), or dispose of, abandon or permit to lapse any rights to any Company Registered Intellectual Property, other than with respect to immaterial Company Registered Intellectual Property whose cost of prosecution or maintenance, in the reasonable exercise of Dragonfly's or any of its Subsidiary's business judgement, would outweigh any benefit to Dragonfly of prosecution or maintaining such item;
- disclose or agree to disclose to any Person (other than Chardan or any of its representatives) any trade secret of Dragonfly or any of its Subsidiaries, other than to service providers and development partners on a need-to-know basis in the ordinary course of business and pursuant to obligations to use such information, know-how or process solely for purposes of providing such services or to collaborate on such development projects with Dragonfly or any of its Subsidiaries (as applicable), and to maintain the confidentiality thereof;
- make or commit to make capital expenditures other than in an amount not in excess of the amount set forth on Section 6.1(s) of the Company Disclosure Letter, in the aggregate;
- manage Dragonfly's and its Subsidiaries' working capital (including paying amounts payable in a timely manner when due and payable and collection of accounts receivable in a timely manner when due) in a manner other than in the ordinary course of business;
- enter into any new line of business Dragonfly and its Subsidiaries as of the date hereof do not currently engage in;
- enter into, modify, amend, renew or extend any Collective Bargaining Agreement, other than as required by applicable Law, or recognize or certify any Labor Organization, or group of employees of Dragonfly or its Subsidiaries as the bargaining representative for any employees of Dragonfly or its Subsidiaries;
- amend in a manner materially detrimental to Dragonfly or any of its Subsidiaries, terminate without replacement or fail to use commercially reasonable efforts to maintain, any License material to the conduct of the business of Dragonfly and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;
- waive the restrictive covenant obligations of any current or former director, officer, employee or independent contractor of Dragonfly or any of Dragonfly's Subsidiaries;
- (i) limit the right of Dragonfly or any of Dragonfly's Subsidiaries to engage in any line of business or in any geographic area, to develop, market or sell products or services, or to compete with any Person or (ii) grant any exclusive or similar rights to any Person, in each case, except where such limitation or grant does not, and would not be reasonably likely to, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect, or materially disrupt, the ordinary course operation of the businesses of Dragonfly and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;
- terminate without replacement or amend in a manner materially detrimental to Dragonfly or any of its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, any insurance policy insuring the business of Dragonfly or any of Dragonfly's Subsidiaries; or
- enter into any agreement to do any action prohibited under Section 6.1 of the Business Combination Agreement.
- Dragonfly shall afford to Chardan and its accountants, counsel and other representatives reasonable access during the Interim Period, during normal business hours and with reasonable advance notice, in such manner as to not materially interfere with the ordinary course of business of Dragonfly, to, among other things, all of their respective properties, books, Contracts, commitments, Tax Returns, records and appropriate officers and employees of Dragonfly and its Subsidiaries, and shall furnish such representatives with all financial and operating data and other information concerning the affairs of Dragonfly and its Subsidiaries as such representatives may reasonably request.
- Dragonfly shall use commercially reasonable efforts to deliver to Chardan, as soon as reasonably practicable following the date of the Business Combination Agreement, audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021, together with the auditor's

reports thereon, which comply in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements and with the rules and regulations of the SEC, the Exchange Act and the Securities Act applicable to a registrant.

- At or prior to the Closing, Dragonfly shall terminate or settle, or cause to be terminated or settled, without further liability to Chardan, Dragonfly or any of Dragonfly's Subsidiaries, all Affiliate Agreements (other than those set forth on Section 6.4 of the Company Disclosure Letter) and provide Chardan with evidence of such termination or settlement reasonably satisfactory to Chardan.
- Dragonfly and its Subsidiaries shall not, and Dragonfly shall cause its affiliates and its and their representatives, employees, officers, directors and advisors not to (a) initiate any negotiations with any Person with respect to, or provide any non-public information or data concerning Dragonfly or any of Dragonfly's Subsidiaries to any Person relating to, an Acquisition Proposal or afford to any Person access to the business, properties, assets or personnel of the Dragonfly or any of Dragonfly's Subsidiaries in connection with an Acquisition Proposal, (b) enter into any acquisition agreement, merger agreement or similar definitive agreement, or any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding or agreement in principle, or any other agreement relating to an Acquisition Proposal, (c) grant any waiver, amendment or release under any confidentiality agreement or the anti-takeover laws of any state, or (d) otherwise knowingly facilitate any such inquiries, proposals, discussions, or negotiations or any effort or attempt by any Person to make an Acquisition Proposal.
- Dragonfly shall obtain and deliver to Chardan a fully executed customary consent to early repayment and a customary payoff letter related to all outstanding PIUS Debt (the "*Payoff Letter*"), which Payoff Letter shall include language (i) stating that, upon receipt of the applicable payoff amount, the PIUS Debt and all related transaction and/or disbursement documents shall be automatically terminated (subject to the survival of provisions which by their express terms survive any such termination), (ii) providing that all Liens and all guarantees in connection therewith shall be released and automatically terminated upon the payment of the applicable payoff amount and (iii) providing for the return of all possessory collateral (if any) in connection with such Indebtedness; provided, that Dragonfly shall be solely responsible for providing the funds for repayment of all amounts set forth in the Payoff Letter.

Prior to the Closing or termination of the Business Combination Agreement in accordance with its terms, Dragonfly shall not, and shall cause its representatives not to: (i) intentionally initiate or solicit any inquiries that would be reasonably likely to lead to an offer or proposal regarding any transaction with any person (other than Chardan or its affiliates) that would result in a Change in Control (a "*Dragonfly Acquisition Proposal*"); (ii) engage in, continue or otherwise participate in any negotiation or discussion concerning, or provide access to its properties, books and records or any confidential information or data to, any person relating to a Dragonfly Acquisition Proposal; (iii) approve, endorse or recommend, or propose publicly to approve, endorse or recommend, any Dragonfly Acquisition Proposal; (iv) execute or enter into any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, agreement in principle, confidentiality agreement, merger agreement or other similar agreement for or relating to any Dragonfly Acquisition Proposal; or (v) resolve or agree to do any of the foregoing.

Covenants of Chardan

Chardan made certain covenants under the Business Combination Agreement, including, among others, the following:

- Subject to certain exceptions, prior to the Closing, Chardan will, and will cause Merger Sub to, not do any of the following without Dragonfly's written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably conditioned, withheld or delayed):
 - change, modify or amend the Trust Agreement (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement) or the organizational documents of Chardan or Merger Sub;
 - declare, make or pay any dividend or other distribution in respect of any of its outstanding capital stock or other equity interests or otherwise adjust its capital structure, or repurchase or redeem any equity interests in Chardan;

- make, revoke or change any material tax election or change any material tax accounting method or period;
- enter into, renew or amend in any material respect any related-party contract;
- enter into, or amend or modify any material term of (in a manner adverse to itself), terminate, or waive or release any material right, claim or benefit under any material contract to which Chardan or Merger Sub is a party or by which it is bound;
- enter into any settlements, other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;
- incur, create, assume, refinance, guarantee or otherwise become liable for (whether directly, contingently or otherwise) any indebtedness;
- offer, issue, deliver, grant or sell, or authorize or propose to offer, issue, deliver, grant or sell, any of its capital stock, other equity interests or securities convertible into any such capital stock or equity interests, other than in connection with the exercise of outstanding warrants or the transactions, or amend, modify or waive any of the terms or rights set forth in outstanding warrants;
- adopt or amend any benefit plan, or enter into any employment contract or collective bargaining agreement, hire any employee or any other individual to provide services following the Closing or enter into any agreement to compensate any of its officers or directors;
- fail to maintain its existence or acquire, merge or consolidate with, or purchase a material portion of the assets or equity of another person;
- make any capital expenditures;
- make any loans, advances or capital contributions to, or investments in, any other person or make any change in its existing borrowing or lending arrangements (other than the Bridge Loan);
- enter into any new line of business;
- make any change in financial accounting methods, principles or practices, except insofar as may be required by a change in GAAP or applicable law;
- fail to maintain, cancel or materially change coverage under any insurance policy maintained with respect to it and its assets and properties; or
- enter into any agreement, understanding or arrangement with respect to the voting of Chardan common stock (other than any agreement with a Chardan stockholder consistent with the terms of the Sponsor Support Agreement or the Chardan Stockholder Agreement).
- Chardan will use reasonable best efforts, as promptly as reasonably practicable following the filing of the proxy statement, to duly convene and hold the special meeting in accordance with the DGCL and, among other things, through its board of directors, recommend the Business Combination Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.
- Subject to certain exceptions, Chardan shall use its reasonable best efforts to ensure that Chardan remains listed as a public company on Nasdaq and to cause the New Dragonfly common stock to be issued in connection with the transactions to be approved for listing on Nasdaq.
- Prior to the Closing, Chardan will purchase a “tail” policy providing liability insurance coverage for Dragonfly’s directors and officers with respect to matters occurring on or prior to the Closing.
- The Chardan Board will adopt the 2022 Plan with any modifications Dragonfly proposes based on the recommendation of its compensation consultant and board of directors as Chardan may consider and approve (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- Prior to the Closing or termination of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan shall, and shall use its reasonable best efforts to cause its representatives to, cease any solicitations, discussions or negotiations with any person conducted prior to entry into the Business Combination Agreement in connection with a business combination or any inquiry or request for information that could reasonably

be expected to lead to, or result in, a business combination. Chardan will also provide prompt written notice to Dragonfly of the receipt of any inquiry, proposal, offer or request for information received after the date of the Business Combination Agreement that constitutes, or could reasonably be expected to result in or lead to, any business combination and will keep Dragonfly reasonably informed of any material developments with respect to any such proposal.

- Chardan and Merger Sub will take all actions necessary to consummate the PIPE Investment.
- Chardan will terminate certain affiliate agreements and repay all outstanding indebtedness owed by Chardan to the Sponsor.
- After the Closing, Chardan shall pay a transaction bonus to each of Mssrs. Denis Phars and Sean Nichols pursuant to the terms of Annex A to the Business Combination Agreement.
- If Chardan determines that the Closing is unlikely to be consummated on or before August 10, 2022, then Chardan shall use commercially reasonable efforts to extend the deadline for Chardan to consummate its initial business combination by an additional three (3) months from the Acquiror Expiration Date in accordance with Chardan's existing charter.

Mutual Covenants of the Parties

The parties made certain covenants under the Business Combination Agreement, including, among others, the following:

- using commercially reasonable efforts to consummate the Business Combination;
- cooperate with respect to the debt financing and any alternative debt financing.
- making relevant public announcements and solicitation of Chardan Stockholder Approval;
- keeping certain information confidential in accordance with the existing non-disclosure agreements;
- intending that the Merger will constitute a transaction treated as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368 of the IRC, and agreeing not to take any action that would reasonably be expected to cause the Merger to fail to qualify for such treatment; and
- cooperating in connection with certain tax matters and filings.

In addition, Chardan and Dragonfly agreed that Chardan and Dragonfly will prepare and mutually agree upon and Chardan will file with the SEC, this proxy statement relating to the Business Combination.

Board of Directors

Following the Closing, the current management of Dragonfly will become the management of New Dragonfly, and the New Dragonfly board of directors will consist of seven directors, which will be divided into three classes (Class A, B and C). Pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, the New Dragonfly board of directors will initially consist of (i) five individuals designated by Dragonfly and (ii) two director selected by Chardan, one in Class B (to also serve on the compensation committee and/or nominating and corporate governance committee) and the other in Class C (to also serve on the audit committee).

Survival of Representations, Warranties and Covenants

The representations, warranties, covenants, obligations or other agreements in the Business Combination Agreement terminate at the Effective Time, except for those covenants and agreements that by their terms expressly apply in whole or in part after the Closing and then only with respect to any breaches occurring after the Closing, and those contained in Article XI of the Business Combination Agreement.

Termination

The Business Combination Agreement may be terminated under certain customary and limited circumstances at any time prior to the Closing, including, among others, the following:

- by either Chardan or Dragonfly if the Closing has not occurred on or prior to [•] (the "*Termination Date*");

- by the mutual written consent of Chardan and Dragonfly;
- by Dragonfly if there has been a Modification in Recommendation (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement), including if the Chardan board withdraws its support for Chardan's entry into the Business Combination Agreement or the transactions contemplated thereby;
- by Chardan, subject to certain exceptions, if any of the representations or warranties made by Dragonfly are not true and correct or if Dragonfly fails to perform any of its respective covenants or agreements under the Business Combination Agreement (including an obligation to consummate the Closing) such that certain conditions to the obligations of Chardan, as described in the section entitled "*Conditions to the Closing of the Business Combination*" above could not be satisfied and the breach (or breaches) of such representations or warranties or failure (or failures) to perform such covenants or agreements is (or are) not cured or cannot be cured within the earlier of (i) 30 days after written notice thereof, and (ii) the Termination Date;
- by Dragonfly, subject to certain exceptions, if any of the representations or warranties made by Chardan are not true and correct or if Chardan fails to perform any of its covenants or agreements under the Business Combination Agreement (including an obligation to consummate the Closing) such that the condition to the obligations of Dragonfly, as described in the section entitled "*Conditions to the Closing of the Business Combination*" above could not be satisfied and the breach (or breaches) of such representations or warranties or failure (or failures) to perform such covenants or agreements is (or are) not cured or cannot be cured within the earlier of (i) 30 days after written notice thereof, and (ii) the Termination Date;
- by either Chardan or Dragonfly if the Chardan Stockholder Approvals are not obtained at the special meeting (subject to any adjournment or recess of the meeting), or by Chardan if the Company Stockholder Approval has not been obtained by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the first business day after the date of the Business Combination Agreement (which Company Stockholder Approval was obtained by Chardan on May 16, 2022); or
- by either Chardan or Dragonfly if any Governmental Authority (as defined in the Business Combination Agreement) enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any governmental order which has become final and non-appealable and has the effect of making consummation of the Merger illegal or otherwise preventing or prohibiting consummation of the Merger or if there shall be adopted any law that permanently makes consummation of the Merger illegal or otherwise prohibited; provided that such Governmental Authority has jurisdiction over the parties with respect to the Merger.

Sources and Uses for the Business Combination

The following tables summarize the sources and uses for funding the Business Combination (i) assuming that none of Chardan's outstanding shares of Common Stock are redeemed in connection with the Business Combination and (ii) assuming that all of Chardan's outstanding shares of Common Stock are redeemed in connection with the Business Combination. For an illustration of the number of shares and percentage interests outstanding under each scenario see the section entitled "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information."

No Redemption

Sources of Funds (in millions)		Uses (in millions)	
Cash held in Trust Account ⁽¹⁾	\$128.4	Common stock of combined company issued to Dragonfly stockholders ⁽²⁾	\$367.0
PIPE Investment and Term Loan	77.8	Transaction and other costs and existing debt settlement ⁽³⁾	77.0
Common stock of combined company issued to Dragonfly stockholders ⁽²⁾	367.0	Cash to combined company Balance Sheet	129.2
Total Sources	\$573.2	Total Uses	\$573.2

- (1) As of December 31, 2021.
- (2) Shares issued to Dragonfly stockholders are at a deemed value of \$10.00 per share. Assumes 36,698,666 shares of Common Stock issued. See the section entitled “*Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information*” for more details.
- (3) Represents an estimated amount, inclusive of fees related to the Business Combination and related transactions, and settlement of existing Dragonfly indebtedness under the No Redemptions scenario.

Maximum Redemption

Sources of Funds (in millions)		Uses (in millions)	
Cash held in Trust Account ⁽¹⁾	\$ —	Common stock of combined company issued to Dragonfly stockholders ⁽²⁾	\$367.0
PIPE Investment and Term Loan	77.8	Transaction and other costs and existing debt settlement ⁽³⁾	69.0
Common stock of combined company issued to Dragonfly stockholders ⁽²⁾	367.0	Cash to combined company Balance Sheet	8.8
Total Sources	\$444.8	Total Uses	\$444.8

- (1) As of December 31, 2021, assumes that 12,650,000 public shares subject to redemption are redeemed for an aggregate payment of approximately \$128.4 million (based on an estimated per share redemption price of approximately \$10.15 that was calculated using the \$128.4 of cash in the Trust Account divided by 12,650,000 public shares subject to redemption assuming the Maximum Redemptions scenario).
- (2) Shares issued to Dragonfly stockholders are at a deemed value of \$10.00 per share. Assumes 36,698,666 shares of Common Stock issued. See the section entitled “*Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information*” for more details.
- (3) Represents an estimated amount, inclusive of fees related to the Business Combination and related transactions, and settlement of existing Dragonfly indebtedness under the Maximum Redemption scenario.

Expenses

The fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Business Combination Agreement and the ancillary documents thereto, and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the fees and disbursements of counsel, financial advisors and accountants, will be paid by the party incurring such fees or expenses. If the Closing occurs, New Dragonfly will, upon the consummation of the Merger and release of proceeds from the Trust Account, pay or cause to be paid all accrued and unpaid Dragonfly Transaction Expenses and pay or cause to be paid all accrued and unpaid Chardan Transaction Expenses. Chardan and Dragonfly will exchange written statements setting forth all such accrued and unpaid transaction expenses not less than two business days prior to the Closing Date.

Governing Law

The Business Combination Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to principles or rules of conflict of laws to the extent such principles or rules would require or permit the application of the law of another jurisdiction.

Amendments

The Business Combination Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written agreement executed and delivered by Chardan and Dragonfly.

Related Agreements

This subsection describes certain additional agreements entered into or to be entered into pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, but does not purport to describe all of the terms of each agreement. Each of the following summaries are qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the applicable document. You are urged to read carefully each of the below agreements in their entirety.

Subscription Agreement

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan entered into the Subscription Agreement with the Sponsor, pursuant to which, among other things, the Sponsor agreed to subscribe for and purchase, and Chardan agreed to issue and sell to the Sponsor, 500,000 shares of PIPE Securities, immediately prior to or substantially concurrently with the Closing, for a price of \$10.00 per share for gross proceeds of \$5 million. The Subscription Agreement contains customary representations, warranties, covenants and agreements of Chardan and the Sponsor. The obligation of the parties to consummate the Equity Financing is conditioned upon, among other things, (i) satisfaction or waiver of the conditions precedent to the closing of the transactions set forth in the Business Combination Agreement and (ii) there not being any amendment or modification to the Business Combination Agreement that would reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the economic benefits that the Sponsor would reasonably expect to receive under the Subscription Agreement. The closing under the Subscription Agreement will occur substantially concurrently with the Closing.

The Sponsor may purchase shares of common stock of Chardan in the open market and reduce (i) its purchase price under the Subscription Agreement by an amount equal to the number of shares purchased in the open market multiplied by the per-share redemption amount received by public stockholders who elect to redeem their shares prior to Closing (such amount, the “*Open Market Purchase Credit*”) and (ii) the number of its PIPE Securities by an amount equal to the Open Market Purchase Credit divided by ten, rounded to the nearest whole share (the “*Open Market Share Credit*”). Such purchases (“*Open Market Purchases*”) will be made prior to the Closing and will be separate from the redemption process conducted in connection with the Business Combination. The purposes of any Open Market Purchases would be to reduce the number of shares of Chardan common stock that may be redeemed in connection with the Business Combination, and may include a business decision to increase such purchaser’s ownership at an attractive price. The Sponsor will only make Open Market Purchases to the extent the price per common stock of Chardan so acquired is no higher than the redemption price that would be available in connection with the redemption procedures described in this proxy statement. In addition, the Sponsor will waive any redemption rights with respect to any shares of Chardan common stock purchased in Open Market Purchases and will not vote any shares of Chardan common stock purchased in Open Market Purchases in favor of the proposals presented at the special meeting.

The Subscription Agreement will terminate with no further force and effect upon the earliest to occur of: (a) such date and time as the Business Combination Agreement is validly terminated in accordance with its terms; (b) the mutual written agreement of Chardan and the Sponsor or (c) May 15, 2023, if the Closing has not occurred on or before such date.

Registration Rights Agreement

At the consummation of the Business Combination, New Dragonfly intends to enter into the Registration Rights Agreement with the Sponsor, the Insiders, certain Dragonfly stockholders, the Sponsor and Holdings, substantially in the form attached as Annex H to this proxy statement, pursuant to which, among other things, New Dragonfly will agree to register for resale, pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act, the registrable securities that are held by the holders party to the Registration Rights Agreement from time to time. Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, New Dragonfly will be required to submit to or file with the SEC, within 30 calendar days after the Closing, a shelf registration statement covering the issuance and the resale of all such registrable securities on a delayed or continuous basis, and to use commercially reasonable efforts to have such shelf registration statement declared effective as soon as practicable after the filing thereof, but no later than the earlier of (i) 90 calendar days after the filing thereof if the SEC notifies New Dragonfly that it will “review” the shelf registration statement and (ii) the 10th business day after the date New Dragonfly is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the SEC that the shelf registration statement will not be “reviewed” or will not be subject to further review.

When an effective shelf registration statement is on file with the SEC, the Sponsor, the Insiders, certain Dragonfly stockholders, the Sponsor and Holdings may each demand not more than one underwritten shelf takedown in any twelve month period, for an aggregate of not more than three underwritten shelf takedowns in any twelve month period, in each case, subject to certain customary limitations set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement, including the right of the underwriters to limit the number of securities to be included in an underwritten offering and New Dragonfly's right to delay or withdraw a registration statement under certain circumstances. The holders party to the Registration Rights Agreement will also be entitled to certain piggyback registration rights and indemnification rights.

Sponsor Support Agreement

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan, Dragonfly and the Sponsor entered into a sponsor support agreement (the "*Sponsor Support Agreement*"), pursuant to which the Sponsor agreed, among other things, (i) to vote, or cause to be voted, at any meeting of the stockholders of Chardan all of its shares of Chardan common stock held of record or acquired after the date of the Sponsor Support Agreement (excluding shares of any common stock acquired in public market) (a) in favor of the proposals set forth in this proxy statement and (b) against any proposal that would reasonably be expected to result in (x) a breach of any of Chardan's or Merger Sub's covenants, agreements or obligations under the Business Combination Agreement or in any Ancillary Agreements or (y) any Closing conditions set forth in Section 9.1 or 9.3 or the Business Combination Agreement not being satisfied; (ii) to not redeem any of such Chardan common stock; (iii) to be bound by certain other covenants and agreements related to the Business Combination and (iv) to be bound by certain transfer restrictions with respect to such shares of Chardan common stock, in each case, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Sponsor Support Agreement.

Debt Commitment Letter

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly entered into a commitment letter (the "*Debt Commitment Letter*") with CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets (the "*Chardan Lender*"), and EICF Agent LLC (collectively, the "*Term Loan Lenders*"), pursuant to which the Term Loan Lenders have agreed to provide Dragonfly with a senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$75 million (the "*Term Loan*") on the Closing Date subject to the satisfaction of a number of specified conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. The obligations of the Term Loan Lenders to provide the Term Loan will terminate on October 31, 2022. The Chardan Lender intends to backstop its commitment under the Debt Commitment Letter by entering into a backstop commitment letter (the "*Backstop Commitment Letter*") with certain third party financing sources (the "*Backstop Lenders*") prior to the Closing Date.

The proceeds of the Term Loan may be used (i) to support the Business Combination, (ii) to repay outstanding indebtedness and other obligations of Dragonfly, (iii) to pay fees and expenses in connection with the foregoing, (iv) to provide additional growth capital and (v) for other general/corporate purposes. The Term Loan must be fully drawn on the Closing Date and will mature four years from the Closing Date.

In connection with the Term Loan, New Dragonfly will also issue to the Term Loan Lenders (but not the Chardan Lender in the event it has not backstopped its commitment pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Letter and transferred all rights and obligations under the Debt Commitment Letter to the Backstop Lenders) the Penny Warrants, exercisable to purchase 3.6% of Dragonfly's common stock on a fully-diluted basis, and the \$10 Warrants, which are exercisable to purchase 1.6 million shares of Dragonfly's common stock at \$10 per share. The definitive documentation for the Term Loan has not been finalized and, accordingly, the actual terms of the Term Loan, may differ from those described in this proxy statement/prospectus.

Equity Facility Letter Agreement

On May 15, 2022, Chardan, Dragonfly and CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets (the "*Equity Facility Investor*"), entered into a letter agreement (the "*Equity Facility Letter Agreement*"), pursuant to which Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into definitive documentation (the "*Equity Facility Definitive Documentation*") to establish a committed equity facility (the "*Equity Facility*") prior to the Closing Date. Pursuant to and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions to be set forth in the

Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, including the filing and effectiveness of a registration statement registering the resale by the Equity Facility Investor of the shares of New Dragonfly Common Stock issued to it under the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, New Dragonfly will have the right from time to time at its option to direct the Equity Facility Investor to purchase up to a specified maximum amount of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, up to a maximum aggregate purchase price of \$150,000,000 over the 36-month term of the Equity Facility. The purchase price for the shares of New Dragonfly common stock that New Dragonfly elects to sell to the Equity Facility Investor pursuant to the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation will be determined by reference to the volume weighted average price of the shares of New Dragonfly common stock (“VWAP”) during the applicable purchase date on which New Dragonfly has timely delivered written notice to the Equity Facility Investor directing it to purchase shares under the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, less a fixed 3.5% discount to such VWAP. While there will be distinct differences, the Equity Facility will be structured similarly to a traditional at-the-market equity facility, insofar as it will allow New Dragonfly to raise primary equity capital on a periodic basis outside the context of a traditional underwritten follow-on offering.

Sales of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, if any, to the Equity Facility Investor under the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, and the timing of any sales, will be determined by New Dragonfly from time to time in its sole discretion and will depend on a variety of factors, including, among other things, market conditions.

In connection with the execution of the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, New Dragonfly will agree to issue [•] shares of New Dragonfly common stock having a value of \$1 million determined based on the applicable trading price at the time of issuance (the “*Equity Facility Commitment Shares*”) to the Equity Facility Investor as consideration for its irrevocable commitment to purchase the shares of New Dragonfly common stock upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation.

The Equity Facility Definitive Documentation has not been finalized and, accordingly, the actual terms of the Equity Facility may differ from those described in this proxy statement/prospectus.

Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination

In considering the recommendation of the Chardan Board to vote in favor of approval of the Business Combination Proposal and the other proposals, stockholders should keep in mind that the Sponsor and the Insiders have interests in such proposals that are different from, or in addition to, those of Chardan stockholders generally. In particular:

- None of Chardan’s officers and directors is required to commit their full time to our affairs and, accordingly, they may have conflicts of interest in allocating their time among various business activities.
- Each of Chardan’s officers and directors presently has, and any of them in the future may have additional, fiduciary or contractual obligations to another entity pursuant to which such officer or director is or will be required to present a business combination opportunity to such entity. We do not believe, however, that the pre-existing fiduciary duties or contractual obligations of our officers and directors will materially undermine our ability to complete the Business Combination, and such pre-existing fiduciary duties and contractual obligations did not materially affect our search for an acquisition target.
- Mr. Grossman is the Chief Executive Officer of, and Mr. Weil is Managing Director and Co-Head of Fintech Investment Banking of, Chardan Capital Markets, an affiliate of the Sponsor. Mr. Grossman, Mr. Weil and Mr. Propper are also members of the board of directors of Chardan Capital Markets. Mr. Grossman is also the managing member of Chardan International Investments, LLC, an affiliate of the Sponsor.
- It is anticipated that upon completion of the Business Combination and assuming no redemptions by Chardan public stockholders, the PIPE Investor will own approximately 0.9% of New Dragonfly, and the Sponsor, officers, directors and other affiliates and holders of Founder Shares will own approximately 5.8% of New Dragonfly. These levels of ownership interest: (a) include the impact of

the shares of Chardan common stock issuable upon exercise of the Penny Warrants due to their nominal exercise price but exclude the impact of the \$10 Warrants and shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Equity Facility after Closing, (b) assume that no Chardan public stockholder exercises redemption rights with respect to its shares for a pro rata portion of the funds in Chardan's trust account and (c) assume that no shares are issued pursuant to the Dragonfly Incentive Plan and the 2022 Plan.

- If the Business Combination or another business combination are not consummated by August 13, 2022 (unless this deadline is extended pursuant to Chardan's covenant to extend such deadline under the Business Combination Agreement and pursuant to the Chardan Organizational Documents), Chardan will cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, redeeming 100% of the outstanding public shares for cash and, subject to the approval of its remaining stockholders and the Chardan Board, dissolving and liquidating. In such event, the Private Warrants and all underlying securities held by the Sponsor and Insiders would be worthless because the holders thereof are not entitled to participate in any redemption or distribution with respect to such shares.
- On July 23, 2020, the Sponsor purchased 1,000,000 shares of common stock of Chardan for an aggregate purchase price of \$25,000. On March 4, 2021, Chardan effected a 2.875-for-1 stock split, resulting in 2,875,000 shares of common stock being held by the Sponsor. On August 10, 2021, Chardan effectuated a 1.1-for-1 stock split, resulting in an aggregate of 3,162,500 shares of common stock outstanding. On August 18, 2021, the underwriters' exercised the over-allotment option in full, thus the Founder Shares are no longer subject to forfeiture. Such shares had an aggregate market value of approximately \$31,814,750 based upon the closing price of \$10.06 per share on the Nasdaq on May 12, 2022. In May and June 2021, the Sponsor transferred 20,000 Founder Shares to each of Messrs. Biele, Boyle, Hardamon, Thakrar and Thomson and Ms. Jardins.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Marketing Agreement Chardan engaged Chardan Capital Markets, an affiliate of Chardan, as an advisor in connection with its business combination. Chardan Capital Markets will receive a cash fee for such services upon the consummation of the Merger in an amount equal to, in the aggregate, \$4,427,500, being 3.5% of the gross proceeds of the Chardan IPO. Chardan Capital Markets will also receive a cash fee of \$1,170,000 for other financial advisory services, including for advisory services provided with respect to placement of potential PIPE investments.
- Simultaneously with the closing of the Chardan IPO, Holdings purchased an aggregate of 4,361,456 private placement warrants at a price of \$0.93 per private placement warrant (\$4,052,000 in the aggregate). Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, Holdings purchased an additional 266,402 private placement warrants at a purchase price of \$0.93 per private placement warrant. Each private placement warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share. The proceeds from the private placement warrants were added to the proceeds from the Chardan IPO to be held in the Trust Account. The private placement warrants had an aggregate market value of \$677,770 based upon the closing price of approximately \$0.16 per share on the Nasdaq on May 12, 2022. The private placement warrants will become worthless if Chardan does not consummate a business combination by August 13, 2022 (unless this deadline is extended pursuant to Chardan's covenant to extend such deadline under the Business Combination Agreement and pursuant to the Chardan Organizational Documents).
- [•], current directors of Chardan, will become directors of New Dragonfly after the Closing. As such, in the future each may receive any cash fees, stock options or stock awards that the post-combination board of directors determines to pay to its executive and non-executive directors.
- If Chardan is unable to complete an initial business combination within the completion window, the Sponsor will be liable under certain circumstances to ensure that the proceeds in the trust account are not reduced by the claims of target businesses or claims of vendors or other entities that are owed money by Chardan for services rendered or contracted for or products sold to Chardan. If Chardan consummates an initial business combination, on the other hand, Chardan will be liable for all such claims.
- Chardan's officers and directors and their affiliates are entitled to reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in connection with certain activities on Chardan's behalf, such as identifying

and investigating possible business targets and business combinations. However, if Chardan fails to consummate an initial business combination within the completion window, they will not have any claim against the trust account for reimbursement. Accordingly, Chardan may not be able to reimburse these expenses if the Business Combination or another initial business combination, is not completed within the completion window. As of May 15, 2022, the Sponsor and Chardan's officers and directors and their respective affiliates had not incurred any such reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses.

- The current directors and officers will continue to be indemnified and the liability insurance of the directors and officers will continue.
- In connection with the Business Combination, Chardan and the Sponsor, an affiliate of Chardan, entered into the Subscription Agreement, which provides for the Sponsor to purchase an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Chardan common stock upon the terms as set forth in the Subscription Agreement. The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market. For additional information, see the sections entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Subscription Agreement*" and "*Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions — Chardan Related Party Transactions*."
- In addition, pursuant to the Equity Facility Letter Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation reflecting the terms in the Equity Facility Letter Agreement prior to the Closing Date. Under the terms of the Equity Facility, the Equity Facility Investor will commit to purchase up to an aggregate of \$150,000,000 in shares of New Dragonfly's common stock from time to time at the request of the New Dragonfly, subject to certain limitations and the satisfaction of certain conditions. The purchase price for the shares of New Dragonfly common stock that New Dragonfly elects to sell to the Equity Facility Investor will be determined by reference to the VWAP of such shares during the applicable purchase date, less a fixed 3.5% discount to such VWAP. In addition, New Dragonfly will agree to issue Equity Facility Commitment Shares having a value of \$1 million determined based on the applicable trading price at the time of issuance to the Equity Facility Investor as consideration for its irrevocable commitment to purchase the shares of New Dragonfly common stock upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation. For additional information, see the sections entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Equity Facility Letter Agreement*" and "*Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions — Chardan Related Party Transactions*."
- Pursuant to the Debt Commitment Letter, the Chardan Lender has agreed to provide 60% of the commitment with respect to the Term Loan on the Closing Date subject to the satisfaction of certain customary conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. The Chardan Lender intends to backstop its commitment under the Debt Commitment Letter by entering into the Backstop Commitment Letter with the Backstop Lenders prior to the Closing Date. The Chardan Lender is entitled to payment of fees in connection with the Term Loan pursuant to the fee letter entered into in connection with the Debt Commitment Letter, but intends for such fees to be paid to the Backstop Lenders on the Closing Date. For additional information, see the sections entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Debt Commitment Letter*" and "*Certain Relationships and Related Person Transactions — Chardan Related Party Transactions*."
- Given the difference in the purchase price the Sponsor and our directors paid for the Founders Shares as compared to the price of the units sold in the Chardan IPO, the Sponsor and our directors may earn a positive rate of return on their investment even if New Dragonfly common stock trades below the price paid for the units in the Chardan IPO and the public stockholders experience a negative rate of return following the completion of the Business Combination.
- The Sponsor will benefit from the completion of a business combination and may be incentivized to complete an acquisition of a less favorable target company or on terms less favorable to the public stockholders rather than liquidating Chardan.
- The Sponsor and the initial stockholders, among others, will enter into the Registration Rights Agreement which will provide them with registration rights.

Stockholders should also keep in mind that certain officers and directors of Dragonfly have interests in the Business Combination that are different from, or in addition to, those of Chardan stockholders generally.

- In connection with the Business Combination, based on the Minimum Cash Balance after Fees at closing, Mr. Denis Phares and Sean Nichols, Dragonfly's co-founders and its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer, respectively, are each entitled to a transaction cash bonus. The bonus amount ranges from (i) 5% of the exercise proceeds from the exercise of Chardan's public warrants (split evenly between them) to (ii) \$4,000,000 each. Assuming maximum redemptions and no redemptions of Chardan stock, respectively, Mr. Phares and Nichols would (i) receive a cash bonus tied to future public warrant exercises and (ii) \$4,000,000 each. See *"Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination."*
- As an inducement to hire Mr. John Marchetti as Dragonfly's Chief Financial Officer, Dragonfly loaned Mr. Marchetti \$350,000 to repay amounts owed by him to his former employer and entered into a related Promissory Note with a maturity of March 1, 2026.

Background of the Business Combination

Chardan is a blank check company incorporated in Delaware on June 23, 2020. Chardan was formed for the purpose of entering into a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, recapitalization, reorganization or other similar business combination with one or more businesses or entities. Although Chardan is not limited to a particular industry or geographic region for purposes of consummating an initial business combination, Chardan has focused its search on disruptive technology companies.

On August 13, 2021, Chardan consummated the Chardan IPO of 11,000,000 units, at \$10.00 per unit, generating gross proceeds of \$110,000,000. Simultaneously with the closing of the Chardan IPO, Chardan NexTech 2 Warrant Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and an affiliate of the Sponsor (*"Holdings"*), purchased an aggregate of 4,361,456 private placement warrants at a price of \$0.93 per warrant (\$4,052,000 in the aggregate). Each private warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share. On August 18, 2021, the underwriters fully exercised the over-allotment option and purchased an additional 1,650,000 units at a purchase price of \$10.00 per unit, generating gross proceeds of \$16,500,000. Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the over-allotment option, Chardan consummated the sale of 266,402 private warrants at a purchase price of \$0.93 per private warrant in a private placement to Holdings, generating gross proceeds of \$247,500.

After deducting the underwriting discounts, offering expenses, and commissions from the Chardan IPO and the sale of the private placement warrants, a total of \$128,397,500 was deposited into the trust account established for the benefit of Chardan's public stockholders.

Chardan's current certificate of incorporation provides that it will continue in existence only until August 13, 2022. If Chardan has not completed a business combination by such date, unless extended by resolution of the Chardan Board up to two times, each by an additional three months and subject to the Sponsor depositing additional funds of \$2,300,000 into the trust account on or prior to the applicable deadline, Chardan will (i) cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, (ii) as promptly as reasonably possible but not more than ten business days thereafter, redeem 100% of the outstanding public shares, which redemption will completely extinguish public stockholders' rights as stockholders (including the right to receive further liquidation distributions, if any), subject to applicable law, and (iii) as promptly as reasonably practicable following such redemption, subject to the approval of its remaining stockholders and the Chardan Board, proceed to commence a voluntary liquidation and thereby a formal dissolution of Chardan, subject (in the case of (ii) and (iii) above) to its obligations to provide for claims of creditors and the requirements of applicable law. Immediately after the closing of the Chardan IPO on August 13, 2021, the officers and directors of Chardan began to contact potential candidates for a business combination. In addition, Chardan was contacted by a number of individuals and entities with respect to business combination opportunities.

Chardan believes its management team has substantial expertise and background in all key aspects of the operation and development of businesses, as well as having a wide and active network of relationships in the technology, finance and energy sectors. Because of this combination of strengths, Chardan was able to rapidly and efficiently evaluate a wide range of potential business combination candidates to determine which ones

met its transaction criteria, and then to quickly submit proposals for a business combination to final candidates. The transaction criteria of Chardan’s management team include businesses that:

- have a strong competitive industry position with demonstrated competitive advantages to maintain barriers to entry;
- have a historic record of above average growth and strong free cash flow characteristics with high returns on capital;
- have a strong, experienced management team which would benefit from its management’s network or expertise, such as additional management expertise, capital structure optimization, acquisition advice or operational changes to drive improved financial performance;
- are positioned for continued organic growth and may grow through bolt-on acquisitions;
- are fundamentally sound companies with proven track records;
- have an operating model that has adapted or has an executable strategy to be able to meet the changing consumer or business behaviors in a COVID-19 or post-COVID 19 environment;
- will offer attractive risk-adjusted return for our stockholders; and
- can benefit from being a publicly traded company, are prepared to be a publicly traded company and can utilize access to broader capital markets.

The following chronology summarizes the key meetings and events that led to the signing of the Merger Agreement.

This chronology does not purport to catalogue every correspondence among representatives of Chardan and Dragonfly. Representatives of Chardan involved in the discussions and negotiations referenced herein included one or more of Jonas Grossman, CEO and Director of Chardan, Alex Weil, CFO and Director of Chardan, and Kerry Propper, Chairman of the Chardan Board. Representatives of Dragonfly involved in the discussions and negotiations referenced herein included one or more of Dr. Denis Phares, Co-Founder and CEO, Sean Nichols, Co-Founder and COO, and John Marchetti, CFO.

On February 5, 2021, Dragonfly executed a letter agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company (“*Stifel*”), which was amended on September 1, 2021 and on October 27, 2021, pursuant to which Stifel agreed to provide financial advisory services to Dragonfly with respect to a potential acquisition by a SPAC.

Between August 10, 2021, when the SEC declared the registration statement for the Chardan IPO effective, and October 15, 2021, Chardan reviewed and reached out to over 730 potential business combination candidates, and held frequent discussions, both internally and with a wide range of management teams at various potential targets. Chardan entered into non-disclosure agreements with eight candidates (none of which contained a “don’t ask, don’t waive” or a standstill “fall away” provision). Following a systematic process of evaluation and due diligence, Chardan ultimately submitted two formal proposals and one informal proposal to certain of these potential targets, including its formal proposal to Dragonfly. The remaining candidates did not receive a proposal from Chardan due to a combination of factors, including inadequate preparedness to be a publicly traded company or because Chardan did not believe that a business combination was actionable with such candidate. No discussions regarding a potential business combination with any candidate were held prior to Chardan’s IPO.

On August 14, 2021, Chardan reached out to Candidate 1 to initiate discussions about a potential business combination. Discussions continued over the next 24 hours and a non-disclosure agreement was subsequently executed on August 15, 2021. The non-disclosure agreement did not contain a “don’t ask, don’t waive” provision. A meeting between Candidate 1’s executives and Chardan was held on August 18, 2021 with in depth financial modeling discussions following on August 20, 2021. Significant diligence, including additional meetings with management, took place over the next 10 days culminating in a submission of a transaction proposal regarding a potential business combination by Chardan to Candidate 1 on September 1, 2021. Negotiations around the terms of the potential business combination continued over the next several days, ending with Chardan submitting a revised transaction proposal on September 11, 2021. After continued

deliberation however, Candidate 1 ultimately informed Chardan that it was going to pause its SPAC merger process to pursue immediate private funding.

On August 23, 2021, Chardan received an inbound request from Candidate 2 to explore a potential business combination. On August 26, 2021, Chardan and Candidate 2 held an introductory call, which resulted in the execution of a non-disclosure agreement on September 7, 2021. The non-disclosure agreement did not contain a “don’t ask, don’t waive” provision. Chardan received an investor presentation from Candidate 2 the following week on September 15, 2021. Between September 15, 2021 and September 30, 2021, the parties continued to correspond as part of Chardan’s diligence process, resulting in the submission of an informal proposal regarding a potential business combination by Chardan to Candidate 2 on October 1, 2021. The discussions between the two parties were discontinued after Chardan notified Candidate 2 in mid-October that it was focusing its efforts on pursuing a combination with another company, as Chardan considered it did not meet several of its investment criteria, including strong industry position with demonstrated competitive advantages and preparedness to be a publicly traded company.

Chardan ultimately determined to pursue a business combination with Dragonfly and to abandon other potential business combination opportunities that it had explored because of, among other things: (i) the fact that the other business combination targets did not meet enough of Chardan’s transaction criteria for a business combination target, such as strong competitive position, lack of visibility for continued organic growth, and lack of preparedness to be a publicly traded company, (ii) Chardan directors’ and officers’ belief that Dragonfly met many of its transaction criteria, (iii) the level of engagement by, and discussions with, Dragonfly as compared to the other potential business combination candidates and (iv) Dragonfly’s preparedness and willingness to devote appropriate resources to negotiating and executing definitive agreements and to consummate the Business Combination and become a public company. See the section entitled “*Business Combination Proposal—The Chardan Board’s Reasons for the Business Combination*” for more information.

On September 30, 2021, Stifel, Dragonfly’s advisor, who had a business relationship related to Stifel’s services as a financial advisor and placement agent with certain principals of Chardan, contacted Chardan to discuss a potential business combination with Dragonfly. Following Stifel’s outreach, representatives of Chardan had discussions with Dragonfly’s CFO, Mr. Marchetti, to better understand the potential opportunity.

On October 1, 2021, Chardan and Dragonfly signed a non-disclosure agreement which did not contain a “don’t ask, don’t waive” provision, which was followed by Chardan’s scientific, business, financial, and corporate due diligence process, including review of confidential materials in Dragonfly’s virtual data room. From October 5, 2021 to October 6, 2021, the Chardan team met with Dragonfly and its advisors in Reno, Nevada for a management presentation, a tour of the Company’s facilities, manufacturing and assembly facility, and research and development lab.

On October 5, 2021, Chardan sent an initial non-binding letter of intent (“*Initial LOI*”) to Dragonfly, which outlined the proposed terms of an initial potential business combination based on an initial equity value of \$1.25 billion split into upfront consideration of \$750 million and potential earnout consideration of \$500 million based on certain share price milestones. The Initial LOI included a 90-day mutual exclusivity period. Chardan communicated with its board by email regarding the delivery of the Initial LOI, to which the board had no objections.

Between October 7, 2021 and October 15, 2021, the parties negotiated the terms of the Initial LOI. On October 8, 2021, Chardan management held a call with members of Dragonfly’s board of directors and executive team to discuss the outline of the structure and valuation of the proposed transaction. In addition, from October 7, 2021 to October 15, 2021, drafts of the Initial LOI were exchanged between Chardan and Dragonfly and additional meetings were held between the parties to discuss matters with respect to the Initial LOI, including the determination of equity value, exclusivity terms, conditions to closing, and the structure of the combined company.

On October 8, 2021, Chardan held a meeting of the Chardan Board by videoconference, which was joined by Chardan’s legal counsel, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (“*Skadden*”). During the meeting, Chardan’s management provided updates regarding negotiations of potential transactions, including

those with Dragonfly. The Chardan Board and management discussed developments related to the Initial LOI, Dragonfly's business and potential transaction processes. The independent directors of the Chardan Board also held an executive session, and the Board voted to authorize Chardan to proceed with the negotiation and execution of an LOI with Dragonfly.

On October 15, 2021, Chardan and Dragonfly executed a non-binding letter of intent ("*Oct 15 LOI*"), which contemplated Chardan's acquisition of all of the outstanding Dragonfly shares in exchange for 75,000,000 common shares of Chardan (valued at \$10.00 per share), plus potential earnout consideration of 50,000,000 shares of Chardan common stock in the aggregate during the five years post-closing (in three separate installments of 15,000,000, 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 shares upon achieving respective share prices of \$17.50, \$22.50 and \$32.50 per share). The Oct 15 LOI contemplated a minimum capital raise via private placement of \$75,000,000. The Oct 15 LOI also included a 75-day exclusivity period which would automatically extend by an additional 15 days if at the end of the 75-day period the parties were continuing to negotiate in good faith with regard to the Business Combination.

On October 20, 2021, the Chardan and Dragonfly teams held a kick-off organizational call involving a working group with multiple parties including Chardan Capital Markets (financial advisor to Chardan), Stifel, Skadden, O'Melveny & Myers LLP ("*O'Melveny*", legal counsel to Dragonfly) and BDO USA, LLP ("*BDO*", auditors to Dragonfly), aligning the teams on deliverables and timelines towards executing a potential business combination agreement. After the organizational call, the working group continued to hold regular calls to update and establish materials needed to launch the Business Combination.

Also on October 20, 2021, Chardan sent an initial due diligence request list to Dragonfly. Additional due diligence requests were sent by Chardan and its advisors to Dragonfly and its advisors over the following weeks.

From October 27, 2021 to October 31, 2021, members of the Chardan management team and Chardan Capital Markets traveled to Reno, Nevada to conduct financial due diligence with Dragonfly's management team including Mr. Marchetti, CFO of Dragonfly. Chardan also engaged an industry consultant in connection with the Dragonfly diligence process.

On October 29, 2021, Skadden conducted a legal due diligence call with members of Dragonfly's management team and O'Melveny. A list of due diligence agenda questions and topics were sent to O'Melveny on October 26, 2021 in advance of the legal due diligence call. Skadden prepared a preliminary due diligence report based on the contents of the virtual data room and discussions on this legal due diligence call, which was delivered to Chardan management on December 1, 2021.

On November 1, 2021, Chardan engaged and met with a technical expert ("*Technical Expert 1*") to conduct due diligence on Dragonfly's solid-state technology. Technical Expert 1 delivered their findings to Chardan on November 8, 2021, which included analyses of Dragonfly's battery technology.

On November 3, 2021, members of the Dragonfly and Chardan teams met at the Chardan Capital Markets headquarters in New York, New York to rehearse Dragonfly's management presentation and to finalize the outreach plan for potential PIPE investors.

On November 4, 2021, Chardan held due diligence calls with two OEM customers of Dragonfly to verify reputation, quality and potential commercial agreements. Members of Chardan Capital Markets were also included on the due diligence calls and there were no materially adverse findings as a result of such calls.

On November 8, 2021, Chardan engaged and spoke with a second technical expert ("*Technical Expert 2*") to conduct due diligence on Dragonfly's solid-state technology. In the days following this discussion, Technical Expert 2 had additional data requests to which Dragonfly responded. Technical Expert 2 delivered their findings to Chardan on November 11, 2021, which included analyses of Dragonfly's battery technology and development.

On December 1, 2021, Chardan executed a letter agreement with Stifel pursuant to which Stifel agreed to act as a placement agent for Chardan and provide financial services in relation thereto, to which the Board had no objections.

Beginning on December 1, 2021, Stifel, in its capacity as placement agent, began contacting a limited number of potential PIPE investors. Investors interested in receiving confidential information agreed to “wall-cross” procedures. Stifel apprised these investors of the opportunity with Dragonfly as well as the proposed business combination and potential PIPE investment and to determine such investors’ potential interest in participating in a potential PIPE investment. Over the next few months and prior to the execution of the Merger Agreement, representatives of Chardan, Dragonfly and Stifel participated in various meetings with prospective participants in a potential PIPE investment.

Between December 1, 2021 and March 7, 2022, Stifel and Chardan Capital Markets contacted over 115 potential participants in connection with a PIPE investment. Out of the participants contacted, over 35 were brought “over the wall” and over 30 were granted access to the data room. Members of Dragonfly’s and Chardan’s management teams, along with their advisors, had meetings with 14 prospective participants. In addition to prospective participants in a PIPE investment, Stifel and Chardan Capital Markets contacted over 80 third-party lenders. Out of the lenders contacted, 50 were brought “over the wall” and 47 were granted access to the data room. Members of Dragonfly’s and Chardan’s management teams, along with their advisors had meetings with 12 prospective lenders.

On December 3, 2021, Skadden sent an initial draft of the Merger Agreement to O’Melveny for review.

On December 13, 2021, Chardan formally engaged Chardan Capital Markets, an affiliate of Chardan, to provide financial advisory and placement agent services to Chardan with respect to a potential business combination. Mr. Grossman and Mr. Propper are members of the board of directors at Chardan Capital Markets. Further, Mr. Grossman is also Chardan Capital Market’s President and Mr. Weil is co-head of Fintech Investment Banking at Chardan Capital Markets. In accordance with Chardan’s Bylaws, this engagement received approval from the Board’s audit committee. For more information, see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1—The Business Combination Proposal—Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination.*”

On December 21, 2021, O’Melveny sent an updated draft of the Merger Agreement to Skadden, which contained proposed revisions including to the scope of material adverse effect, earnout structure, covenants, and representations and warranties of the parties.

On January 12, 2022, Chardan and Dragonfly executed an exclusivity extension letter extending the exclusivity period until February 15, 2022. Chardan communicated with its board by email regarding the exclusivity extension, to which there were no objections.

On January 20, 2022, Skadden sent a subsequent draft of the Merger Agreement to O’Melveny, which contained proposed revisions including with respect to entry into a registration rights agreement, earnout structure, covenants regarding management of working capital and employment arrangements, and representations and warranties of the parties.

Also on January 20, 2022, Stifel received verbal terms from one potential lender (“*Potential Lender I*”), which was contemplating a senior secured term loan facility and an uncommitted delayed draw term loan facility with a requirement of a certain amount of subordinated debt or equity. Dragonfly and Chardan consulted with their advisors, Stifel and Chardan Capital Markets, respectively, on how to achieve the subordinated capital requirement. Chardan recommended a solution that would include an equity component from Chardan Capital Markets (“*Chardan PIPE*”) and a junior convertible term loan facility from ATW Partners LLC (“*ATW Partners*”), an affiliate of Chardan. Mr. Propper is a founder and managing partner of ATW Partners LLC as well as a member of the board of Chardan Capital Markets. For more information, see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1—The Business Combination Proposal—Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination.*”

Throughout January 2022, members of the Chardan management team conducted interviews of several financial advisors, including Duff & Phelps, regarding the Chardan Board’s intention to have a financial advisor conduct a valuation analysis and render an opinion regarding the fairness, from a financial point of view to Chardan, of the Merger Consideration to be paid by Chardan to the Dragonfly shareholders in the Merger. After considering the qualifications of Duff & Phelps as a financial advisor, as well as the total fees of \$450,000 and the reimbursement of reasonable expenses that Duff & Phelps would be entitled to for its engagement, the Chardan Board approved the engagement of Duff & Phelps on January 24, 2022 as its

financial advisor to evaluate the fairness, from a financial point of view to Chardan, of the Merger Consideration to be paid by Chardan to the Dragonfly shareholders in the Merger. See the section of this proxy statement/prospectus entitled “*Fairness Opinion of Duff & Phelps*” for additional information about the Opinion.

On February 3, 2022, Chardan and Dragonfly received a term sheet for a junior security convertible term loan facility from ATW Partners in anticipation of a formal term sheet from Potential Lender I. From February 4, 2022 to March 24, 2022, Dragonfly and Chardan were in discussions with ATW regarding the term sheet.

On February 4, 2022, Chardan and Dragonfly received a draft term sheet from Potential Lender I, which contemplated a senior secured term loan facility and an uncommitted delayed draw term loan facility with a requirement of subordinated capital. Chardan and Dragonfly consulted with their respective counsel and multiple drafts of the term sheet were subsequently exchanged among the parties.

On February 5, 2022, O’Melveny sent a revised draft of the Merger Agreement to Skadden, which contained proposed revisions including to the scope of material adverse effect and representations and warranties of the parties.

On February 9, 2022, the Chardan team met with Dragonfly and its advisors in Reno, Nevada to discuss the proposed transaction and review the Company’s performance. The Chardan team communicated with its board by email regarding potential delivery of a revised LOI to Dragonfly.

On February 15, 2022, following discussions between Chardan and Dragonfly, the parties executed an amendment to the Oct 15 LOI (the “*First Amendment*”) whereby the parties amended certain of the deal terms, including extension of the exclusivity period until March 31, 2022 and extended the earnout milestones to six years post-closing. The amended LOI considered acquisition of all of the outstanding Dragonfly shares in exchange for 50,000,000 common shares of Chardan (valued at \$10.00 per share), plus potential earnout consideration of 50,000,000 shares of Chardan common stock in the aggregate during the five years post-closing (in three separate installments of 15,000,000, 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 shares upon achieving respective share prices of \$17.50, \$22.50 and \$32.50 per share.) The First Amendment also contemplated a minimum capital raise via private placement and / or any other equity or debt of \$20,000,000, a post-closing common stock equity line of credit of \$50,000,000 and a junior secured convertible loan provided by ATW Partners. Chardan communicated with its board by email regarding the delivery of the First Amendment, to which there were no objections.

On February 16, 2022, Chardan and Dragonfly received a draft term sheet from one potential lender (“*Potential Lender 2*”), which contemplated a first lien term loan facility. Chardan and Dragonfly consulted with their respective counsel and multiple drafts of the term sheet were subsequently exchanged among the parties.

On February 25, 2022, Chardan and Dragonfly received a draft investment term sheet from one potential lender (“*Potential Lender 3*”). Chardan and Dragonfly consulted with their respective advisors but no further discussions were had.

On March 4 2022, Chardan received a draft proposal letter and term sheet from Energy Impact Partners (“*EIP*”), which contemplated a senior secured term loan facility and a committed delayed draw term loan facility. Chardan and Dragonfly consulted with their respective counsel and multiple drafts of the proposal letter and term sheet were subsequently exchanged among the parties.

On March 9, 2022, the Chardan team communicated with its board by email regarding potential delivery of a revised LOI to Dragonfly.

On March 11, 2022, Chardan held a meeting of the Chardan Board by videoconference. During the meeting, Chardan management provided updates regarding proposed amendments to the First Amendment and on recent financial and other developments related to Dragonfly’s business and market conditions. Skadden also provided an overview of fiduciary duties to the Chardan Board. The independent directors of the Chardan Board also held an executive session to discuss.

On March 18, 2022, Chardan and Dragonfly received a draft term sheet from one potential lender (“*Potential Lender 4*”), which contemplated a revolving credit facility. Chardan and Dragonfly consulted with their respective advisors but no further discussions were had.

On March 21, 2022, Potential Lender 1 indicated that they would not be moving forward with the financing on the latest terms proposed by Chardan and Dragonfly.

On March 29, 2022, Chardan and Dragonfly executed a second amendment to the Oct 15 LOI (the “*Second Amendment*”), extending the exclusivity period until May 15, 2022 and including the following changes from the First Amendment: acquisition of all of the outstanding Dragonfly shares in exchange for 40,000,000 common shares of Chardan (valued at \$10.00 per share), plus potential earnout consideration of 40,000,000 shares of Chardan common stock in the aggregate during the six years post-closing (in three separate installments of 15,000,000, 12,500,000 and 12,500,000 shares, the first installment to be paid upon achievement of certain revenue and operating income milestones, and the second and third installments to be paid upon achievement of share prices of \$22.50 and of \$32.50, respectively). The Second Amendment contemplated a minimum capital raise via private placement of \$5,000,000 and a post-closing common stock equity line of credit of \$100,000,000. Chardan communicated with its board by email regarding the delivery of the Second Amendment, to which there were no objections.

On March 30, 2022, Chardan, Dragonfly and EIP executed a proposal letter and non-binding term sheet (collectively, the “*EIP Proposal Letter*”) pursuant to which EIP proposed to provide to Dragonfly (i) a \$75,000,000 term loan facility and (ii) a \$45,000,000 delayed draw term loan facility, each anticipated to be subject to the terms and conditions specified therein including an additional \$5 million equity contribution and a \$100 million equity line of credit both expected to be provided by an affiliate of Chardan. The EIP Proposal Letter also contemplated the issuance by Dragonfly of warrants to EIP, each of which were expected to be subject to customary anti-dilution protections and registration rights. Dragonfly also agreed to an exclusivity period with EIP with respect to debt financing in relation to the Business Combination. The EIP proposal letter was not a firm commitment by EIP to provide debt financing, although EIP indicated at the time that it would subsequently provide a firm commitment to Dragonfly subject to, among other things, completion of satisfactory diligence and receipt of internal approvals.

On March 30, 2022, Chardan and Dragonfly terminated communications with other potential lenders following the signing of the term sheet with EIP, including ATW Partners.

Between March 31, 2022 and May 6, 2022, EIP conducted due diligence, which included review of financial information, discussions with Dragonfly management, customer calls and site visits.

On April 5, 2022, Chardan Capital Markets sent an initial draft to Dragonfly of a committed equity facility. Chardan and Dragonfly consulted with their respective counsels and multiple drafts of the letter agreement and term sheet were subsequently exchanged among the parties.

On April 6, 2022, Skadden sent an initial draft of the Sponsor Support Agreement to O’Melveny for review. The draft of the Sponsor Support Agreement included terms related to, among other things, the Sponsor voting in favor of approval of the Business Combination and not redeeming shares in connection with the Merger. In addition, Skadden sent a subsequent draft of the Merger Agreement to O’Melveny, which contained proposed revisions including with respect to the establishment of an equity facility, debt financing, transaction bonuses and the earnout structure.

On April 12, 2022, O’Melveny sent Skadden further revisions to the draft Merger Agreement, which included updates with respect to the representations and warranties of the parties, the equity facility and debt financing. On April 21, 2022, Skadden sent additional updates to the draft Merger Agreement to O’Melveny, including with respect to the initial PIPE investor and to post-closing directors and officers.

On April 14, 2022, O’Melveny sent an initial draft of the Company Disclosure Schedules to Skadden and on April 18, 2022, Skadden sent an initial draft of the Acquiror Disclosure Schedules to O’Melveny. Between April 14, 2022, and May 15, 2022, Skadden and O’Melveny exchanged multiple drafts of the Disclosure Schedules.

On April 20, 2022, Skadden sent an initial draft of the Subscription Agreement to O’Melveny for review. The initial draft of the Subscription Agreement contemplated that Chardan would issue and sell to Chardan

Capital Markets, an affiliate of Chardan, 500,000 shares of Chardan common stock at a purchase price of \$10.00 for an aggregate commitment of \$5,000,000.

Also on April 20, 2022, Skadden also sent a draft of the Registration Rights Agreement to O'Melveny for review. The draft of the Registration Rights Agreement included terms related to, among other things, a request for underwritten shelf takedowns, reductions of underwritten offerings and block trades.

On April 25, 2022, Chardan held a meeting of the Chardan Board by videoconference. During the meeting, Chardan management provided the Chardan Board with a general update regarding potential financing arrangements for the proposed business combination and of Dragonfly's business and macroeconomic trends. The independent directors of the Chardan Board also held an executive session.

On April 27, 2022, Skadden conducted an additional legal due diligence call with members of Dragonfly's management team and O'Melveny. A list of due diligence agenda questions and topics were sent to O'Melveny on April 25, 2022 in advance of the legal due diligence call.

On April 29, 2022, O'Melveny sent further comments to the draft Merger Agreement to Skadden, which included, among other things, updates with respect to representations and warranties of Dragonfly and the contemplated jurisdiction of New Dragonfly.

On May 5, 2022, the Chardan Team, Dragonfly's management team, and members of EIP met in Reno, Nevada for an onsite diligence session.

On May 9, 2022, Duff & Phelps met with Chardan's Board at a board meeting to review its preliminary valuation analysis.

On May 10, 2022, Chardan and Dragonfly received a draft commitment letter from EIP. Between May 10, 2022, and May 13, 2022, EIP, Chardan, and Dragonfly and their respective counsel exchanged drafts of the commitment letter and negotiated terms including with respect to minimum cash balances, warrants and funding timeline.

On May 12, 2022, Skadden sent a revised draft of the Merger Agreement to O'Melveny, which included, among other things, updates related to key employment agreements, the commitment letter from EIP and covenants of Chardan.

On May 13, 2022, Chardan held a meeting of the Chardan board by videoconference. During the meeting, Duff & Phelps delivered to the board its executed opinion, dated May 13, 2022, that, as of the date thereof and based on the assumption made, procedures followed, matters considered, limitations of the review undertaken and qualifications contained therein, the consideration to be paid by Chardan to the Dragonfly shareholders in the Business Combination pursuant to the Merger Agreement was fair to Chardan from a financial point of view. At the end of the board meeting, and following an executive session of the independent directors, the board unanimously approved the Business Combination.

Between May 13 and May 15, 2022, the parties exchanged and negotiated drafts of the transaction documents, and on May 15, 2022, Chardan management provided an update to the Chardan board on the statuses thereof.

On May 15, 2022, the Business Combination Agreement, the Debt Commitment Letter and the Equity Facility Letter Agreement were executed by Chardan, Dragonfly and the other parties thereto. Also on May 15, 2022, the Subscription Agreement was executed by Chardan and the Sponsor.

On May 16, 2022, the parties announced the Business Combination and its related transactions, and Chardan filed a Current Report on Form 8-K including, among other things, a press release, a copy of the Business Combination Agreement and a presentation for investors.

The Chardan Board's Reasons for the Approval of the Business Combination

The Chardan Board, in evaluating the transaction with Dragonfly, consulted with its legal counsel, financial and accounting advisors. Chardan Capital Markets and Duff & Phelps, as financial advisors to Chardan, led the financial and valuation analysis of Dragonfly. Skadden conducted the legal due diligence of

Dragonfly, in its capacity as legal counsel to Chardan. In reaching its conclusion (i) that the terms and conditions of the Business Combination Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby are advisable, fair to and in the best interests of Chardan and its stockholders and (ii) to recommend that the stockholders adopt the Business Combination Agreement and approve the Business Combination, the Chardan Board considered and evaluated a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the factors discussed below. In light of the number and wide variety of factors considered in connection with its evaluation of the Business Combination, the Chardan Board did not consider it practicable to, and did not attempt to, quantify or otherwise assign relative weights to the specific factors that it considered in reaching its determination and supporting its decision. The Chardan Board viewed its decision as being based on all of the information available and the factors presented to and considered by it. In addition, individual directors may have given different weight to different factors. This explanation of Chardan's reasons for the Business Combination and all other information presented in this section is forward-looking in nature and, therefore, should be read in light of the factors discussed under "*Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.*"

The members of Chardan's management team and the Chardan Board are well-qualified to evaluate the transaction with Dragonfly. They have significant transactional experience, including in the renewables and energy storage industries. Chardan's management team and the Chardan Board also include individuals with experience in executive management of multinational companies and in investing in companies in the energy sector.

The Chardan Board considered a number of factors pertaining to the Business Combination as generally supporting its decision to enter into the Business Combination Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including but not limited to, the following material factors:

- ***Developing disruptive lithium-ion batteries and solid-state technology.*** Dragonfly has created state-of-the-art lithium-ion batteries, equipped with a proprietary battery management system, that are currently used in recreational vehicles ("RVs"), marine vessels, material handlers, and off-grid and solar applications. Dragonfly's integrated lithium-ion products not only replace the large and environmentally toxic lead-acid battery markets, but also provide safe, efficient, and affordable energy storage solutions for a clean, renewable future. Dragonfly is in the process of developing proprietary solid-state energy storage technology and manufacturing processes with an aim to drive the shift away from fossil fuels and to allow for a more stable power grid that incorporates renewable energy sources. The Chardan Board believes Dragonfly's current and future technology and products possess advantages that are well-suited to achieve this.
- ***Founded based on years of work and deep understanding of solid-state and lithium technologies.*** Dragonfly was founded by Dr. Denis Phares and Sean Nichols. Dr. Phares has served as Dragonfly's Chief Executive Officer since it was incorporated in 2012 and Mr. Nichols has served as Dragonfly's Chief Operating Officer since 2013. They lead a team that has a deep understanding of lithium ion and solid-state technologies and extensive sales and marketing experience.
- ***Consulted with technical experts.*** The Chardan Board engaged technical experts who conducted due diligence on Dragonfly's solid-state technologies and analyzed the potential of Dragonfly's proprietary technology.
- ***Addressing an area of high unmet green energy storage needs.*** 85% of the total global consumption of lead is for the production of lead-acid batteries according to the World Health Organization, and it is estimated that the cost of lost productivity due to lead exposure is around \$1 trillion globally per a Stanford University study on lead poisoning. As consumers are moving away from lead-based storage, Dragonfly's lithium-ion technology is well-positioned to enable widespread conversion to green, renewable energy. The Chardan Board believes Dragonfly's lithium-ion batteries and solid-state technology will provide substantial competitive advantages that will enable expansion into end-markets estimated at \$85 billion by 2025.
- ***Potential for multiple follow-on product candidates.*** Dragonfly has been optimizing and developing energy storage cells and other technologies to eventually scale to mass production. Dragonfly's research and development efforts have validated its proprietary processes and the Chardan Board believes Dragonfly will leverage its technologies and proprietary processes to expand its pipeline and continue finding battery solutions to address unmet energy storage needs.

- **Strong IP portfolio.** Dragonfly has a vision to become a leading lithium-ion technology company and has 24 issued patents and 14 pending patent applications to protect its science. The Chardan Board believes Dragonfly's IP portfolio, along with internal expertise, leaves Dragonfly well-positioned to further develop its technologies.
- **Financial analysis conducted by Chardan Management.** The financial analysis conducted by Chardan's management team and reviewed by the Chardan Board supported the equity valuation of Dragonfly. See the section entitled "*Summary of Chardan Financial Analysis.*"
- **Fairness opinion of Duff & Phelps.** The Chardan Board reviewed the opinion delivered by Duff & Phelps to the Chardan Board, as of May 13, 2022, and subject to and based upon the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered, limitations of the review undertaken and qualifications therein, the consideration to be paid by Chardan to the Dragonfly shareholders in the Business Combination pursuant to the Merger Agreement was fair to Chardan, from a financial point of view. See the section entitled "*Fairness Opinion of Duff & Phelps.*"

The Chardan Board also considered a variety of uncertainties and risks and other potentially negative factors concerning the Business Combination, including, but not limited to, the following:

- **Benefits not achieved.** The risk that the potential benefits of the Business Combination may not be fully achieved, or may not be achieved within the expected timeframe.
- **Liquidation of Chardan.** The risks and costs to Chardan if the Business Combination is not completed, including the risk of diverting management focus and resources from other businesses combination opportunities, which could result in Chardan being unable to effect a business combination by the completion deadline and forcing Chardan to liquidate.
- **Exclusivity.** The fact that the Business Combination Agreement includes an exclusivity provision that prohibits Chardan from soliciting other business combination proposals and restricts Chardan's ability to consider other potential business combinations so long as the Business Combination Agreement is in effect.
- **Stockholder Vote.** The risk that Chardan's stockholders may fail to provide the respective votes necessary to effect the Business Combination.
- **Post-Business Combination Corporate Governance.** The Chardan Board considered the corporate governance provisions of the Business Combination Agreement and the proposed material provisions of the amendment to Chardan's certificate of incorporation and the proposed amended bylaws and the effect of those provisions on the governance of the company post-Business Combination. See "*— The Business Combination Agreement*" and "*Management of New Dragonfly After the Business Combination*" for detailed discussions of the terms and conditions of these documents.
- **Closing Conditions.** The fact that completion of the Business Combination is conditioned on the satisfaction of certain closing conditions that are not within Chardan's control.
- **Litigation.** The possibility of litigation challenging the Business Combination or that an adverse judgment granting permanent injunctive relief could indefinitely delay consummation of the Business Combination.
- **Potential Conflicts.** The Chardan Board considered the potential additional or different conflicts of interests of Chardan's directors, executive officers, the Sponsor and its affiliates, as described in the section entitled "*— Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination.*" The Chardan Board, including Chardan's independent directors, with their outside counsel, reviewed and considered these interests during the negotiation of the Business Combination and in evaluating and approving, as members of the Chardan Board, the Business Combination Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the Merger.
- **Fees and Expenses.** The fees and expenses associated with completing the Business Combination.
- **Other Risks.** Various other risks associated with the Business Combination, the business of Chardan and the business of Dragonfly described under the section entitled "*Risk Factors.*"

The Chardan Board concluded that the potential benefits that it expected Chardan and its stockholders to achieve as a result of the Business Combination outweighed the potentially negative factors associated with the Business Combination. Accordingly, the Chardan Board determined that the Business Combination Agreement and the Business Combination were advisable, fair to, and in the best interests of, Chardan and its stockholders.

Summary of Chardan Financial Analysis

The following is a summary of the material financial analyses prepared by Chardan management and reviewed by the Chardan Board in connection with the valuation of Dragonfly. This analyses is separate from, and in addition to, the analyses provided in the Opinion of Duff & Phelps delivered to the Chardan Board (for the Opinion, see the section of this proxy statement/prospectus entitled “*Fairness Opinion of Duff and Phelps*”). The summary set forth below does not purport to be a complete description of the financial analyses performed or factors considered by Chardan nor does the order of the financial analyses described represent the relative importance or weight given to those financial analyses by the Chardan Board. Chardan may have deemed various assumptions more or less probable than other assumptions, so the reference ranges resulting from any particular portion of the analyses summarized below should not be taken to be Chardan’s view of the actual value of Dragonfly.

In performing analyses, the representatives of Chardan made numerous material assumptions with respect to, among other things, timing and quantum of sales orders from OEM customers, sales from DTC customers, cost of raw materials, timing and cost of development of solid state technology, market size, commercial efforts, industry performance, general business and economic conditions and numerous other matters, many of which are beyond the control of Chardan, Dragonfly or any other parties to the Business Combination. None of Dragonfly, Chardan, or any other person assumes responsibility if future results are materially different from those discussed. Any estimates contained in these analyses are not necessarily indicative of actual values or predictive of future results or values, which may be significantly more or less favorable than as set forth below. In addition, analyses relating to the value of Dragonfly do not purport to be appraisals or reflect the prices at which Dragonfly shares may actually be valued. Accordingly, the assumptions and estimates used in, and the results derived from, the financial analyses are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty.

Comparable Company Analysis

Chardan management reviewed certain financial information of Dragonfly and compared it to certain publicly traded companies selected based on the experience and the professional judgment of Chardan’s management team (the “*Peer Group*”).

Chardan considered certain financial and operating information for (a) certain publicly-traded companies that are developing solid state battery technology, (the “*Solid State Companies*”), (b) certain publicly-traded companies that focus on next-generation, technology-focused energy storage (the “*Tech-Focused Energy Storage Companies*”), (c) certain publicly-traded companies that manufacture lithium-ion (“*li-ion*”) batteries (the “*Li-ion Battery Manufacturers*”), and (d) certain publicly-traded companies that are vertically-integrated in the energy storage ecosystem (the “*Vertically Integrated Energy Companies*”), in each case, that Chardan deemed relevant for analysis. The selected companies were:

Solid State Companies:

Solid Power

QuantumScape

Tech-Focused Energy Storage Companies

EOS Energy Storage

ESS

STEM

Li-ion Battery Manufacturers

Samsung SDI

CATL

LG Energy Solutions

Enovix

Microvast

Vertically Integrated Energy

Tesla

Li-Cycle

BYD

None of the selected companies has characteristics identical to Dragonfly, and they were selected because they have a combination of comparable technologies, end-markets served, and energy storage focus, amongst other attributes. An analysis of selected publicly traded companies is not purely quantitative; rather it involves complex consideration and judgements concerning differences in financial and operating characteristics of the selected companies and other factors that could affect the public trading values of the companies reviewed. Chardan made qualitative judgments, based on the experience and professional judgment of its management team, concerning differences between the operational, business and/or financial characteristics of Dragonfly and the selected companies to provide a context in which to consider the results of the quantitative analyses.

Satisfaction of the 80% Test

After consideration of factors, including those identified and discussed in the section titled “*The Business Combination Proposal—The Chardan Board’s Reasons for the Approval of the Business Combination*” and in the Opinion of Duff & Phelps, the Chardan Board concluded that the Business Combination met all of the requirements disclosed in the prospectus for Chardan’s Initial Public Offering, including that the business of Dragonfly had a fair market value equal to at least 80% of the balance of funds in the trust account, less any taxes payable on interest earned, at the time of the execution of the Business Combination Agreement. In reaching this determination, the Chardan Board concluded that it was appropriate to base such valuation on Dragonfly’s future outlook and operational plans, as well as valuations and trading of publicly traded companies in similar and adjacent sectors.

Recommendation of the Chardan Board

THE CHARDAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE CHARDAN STOCKHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” THE APPROVAL OF THE BUSINESS COMBINATION PROPOSAL.

PROPOSAL NO. 2—THE CHARTER PROPOSAL

Overview

If the Business Combination is to be consummated, Chardan will replace the current certificate of incorporation of Chardan with the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation in the form attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex B, which, in the judgment of the Chardan board, is necessary to adequately address the needs of New Dragonfly following the Closing.

As part of the Business Combination, existing shares of Dragonfly common stock will be converted into similar shares of New Dragonfly common stock.

The following table sets forth a summary of the principal proposed changes and the differences between the current certificate of incorporation and the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation. This summary is qualified by reference to the complete text of the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, a copy of which is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as Annex B. All stockholders are encouraged to read the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation in its entirety for a more complete description of its terms.

	<u>Current Certificate of Incorporation</u>	<u>Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation</u>
Number of Authorized Shares	Chardan is currently authorized to issue 51,000,000 shares of which 50,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. As of March 25, 2022 there were 15,812,500 shares of common stock outstanding. Chardan's certificate provides that, promptly after the consummation of the Business Combination, the shares sold pursuant to the Chardan IPO will be converted into cash at a per share price equal to the quotient determined by dividing (i) the amount then held in the trust fund less any income taxes owed on such funds but not yet paid, calculated as of two business days prior to the consummation of the Business Combination or the filing of the amendment, as applicable, by (ii) the total number of the shares sold pursuant to the Chardan IPO then outstanding.	The total number of shares of capital stock that New Dragonfly is authorized to issue is 175,000,000 shares, consisting of 170,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. Immediately following consummation of the Business Combination, Dragonfly common stock will be cancelled in exchange for the right to receive, or the reservation of, an aggregate of 40,000,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock, or, as applicable, shares underlying awards based on Dragonfly common stock, representing the Aggregate Merger Consideration. New Dragonfly is expected to have approximately [•] shares of New Dragonfly common stock outstanding, assuming no redemptions and no exercise of dissenter's rights.
Name Purpose	Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. The purpose of the Chardan is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of Delaware.	Dragonfly Energy Holdings Corp. The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that the purpose of New Dragonfly is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the DGCL as the same exists or may hereafter be amended.

	<u>Current Certificate of Incorporation</u>	<u>Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation</u>
Provisions Specific to a Blank Check Company	Article Fifth governs the Business Combination, but will be terminated upon the consummation of such Business Combination.	No specific provision exists as to operating as a blank check company.
Classified Board	Not applicable.	The directors of New Dragonfly (other than those directors elected by the holders of any series or class of preferred stock provided for or fixed pursuant to Article IV of the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation) shall be and are divided into three (3) classes, designated Class A, Class B and Class C. Each class shall consist, as nearly as may be possible, of one-third (1/3) of the total number of directors constituting the entire board. The board may assign members of the board already in office upon the effectiveness of the filing of the certificate with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware (the "Effective Time") to such classes. Subject to the rights of holders of any series or class of preferred stock to elect directors, each director shall serve for a term ending on the date of the third annual meeting of stockholders following the annual meeting of stockholders at which such director was elected; provided that each director initially assigned to Class A shall serve for a term expiring at New Dragonfly's first annual meeting of stockholders held after the Effective Time; each director initially assigned to Class B shall serve for a term expiring at New Dragonfly's second annual meeting of stockholders held after the Effective Time; and each director initially assigned to Class C shall serve for a term expiring at New Dragonfly's third annual meeting of stockholders held after the Effective Time.
Choice of Forum	To the fullest extent permitted by law, unless Chardan consents in writing to the selection for an alternative forum, (a) any derivative action or proceeding, (b) any action asserting a claim for breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any current or former director, officer,	The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation generally designates the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware as the sole and exclusive forum for any stockholder (including a beneficial owner) to: (i) any derivative action or proceeding

Current Certificate of Incorporation	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation
employee, agent or stockholder of the Chardan to Chardan or the its stockholders, (c) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, the certificate of incorporation, or the bylaws, or (d) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine, the forum shall be Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (subject to certain exceptions). The above provision does not apply to suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act, or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction. Additionally, unless Chardan consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the federal district courts of the United States of America will be the exclusive forum for resolving any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act.	brought on behalf of New Dragonfly, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, or other employee of New Dragonfly to New Dragonfly or New Dragonfly's stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against New Dragonfly, its directors, officers, or employees arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL or the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation or the bylaws, (iv) any action asserting a claim against New Dragonfly, its directors, officers, or employees governed by the internal affairs doctrine, subject to certain exceptions. The exclusive forum provision will not apply to suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction. The federal district courts of the United States of America will be the exclusive forum for resolving any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act.

Reasons for the Amendments to Chardan's Charter

In the judgment of the Chardan board, the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation are necessary to address the needs of New Dragonfly and Dragonfly stockholders following the Closing. In particular:

- The greater number of authorized shares of capital stock is desirable for New Dragonfly to have sufficient shares to complete the Business Combination. Additionally, the Chardan Board believes that it is important for us to have available for issuance a number of authorized shares sufficient to support our growth and to provide flexibility for future corporate needs (including, if needed, as part of financing for future growth acquisitions). The shares would be issuable for any proper corporate purpose, including future acquisitions, capital raising transactions consisting of equity or convertible debt, stock dividends or issuances under current and any future stock incentive plans, pursuant to which we may provide equity incentives to employees, officers and directors. The Chardan Board believes that these additional shares will provide us with needed flexibility to issue shares in the future in a timely manner and under circumstances we consider favorable without incurring the risk, delay and potential expense incident to obtaining stockholder approval for a particular issuance.
- The additional changes to the Chardan Charter, including the name change from "Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp." to "Dragonfly Energy Holdings Corp.", are necessary to adequately address the needs of New Dragonfly following the Closing.
- We believe the three-class classified board structure will help to attract and retain qualified director candidates who are willing to make long-term commitments of their time and energy. In addition, the three-class classified board structure reduces New Dragonfly's vulnerability to coercive takeover tactics and inadequate takeover bids, by encouraging persons seeking control of New Dragonfly to negotiate with the New Dragonfly Board and thereby better positioning the New Dragonfly Board to negotiate

effectively on behalf of all of New Dragonfly’s stockholders. The three-class classified board structure is designed to safeguard against a hostile purchaser replacing a majority of New Dragonfly’s directors with its own nominees at a single meeting, thereby gaining control of New Dragonfly and its assets without paying fair value to the combined Company’s stockholders.

- Chardan’s board believes the choice of forum provision is desirable to delineate matters for which the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or the federal district courts of the U.S., as applicable, is the sole and exclusive forum, in order that New Dragonfly is not subject to such types of claims in numerous jurisdictions, unless New Dragonfly consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum.

Vote Required for Approval

The approval of the Charter Proposal will require the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of Chardan’s outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is established, a Chardan stockholder’s failure to vote by proxy or to vote at the special meeting with regard to the Charter Proposal will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” this proposal.

The Charter Proposal are conditioned on the approval of the Business Combination Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal and the ESPP Proposal. Therefore, if the Business Combination Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal and the ESPP Proposal are not approved, the Charter Proposal will have no effect, even if approved by our public stockholders.

Recommendation of the Chardan Board

THE CHARDAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT CHARDAN STOCKHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” THE APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER PROPOSAL.

PROPOSAL NO. 3 — THE INCENTIVE PLAN PROPOSAL

General

Assuming the Business Combination Proposal and the Nasdaq Proposal are approved, stockholders are being asked to approve the New Dragonfly 2022 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2022 Plan”). Up to [] shares of the New Dragonfly common stock (“*Common Stock*”) will initially be reserved for issuance under the 2022 Plan, and additional shares will become available for issuance under the 2022 Plan each year as described below under “Aggregate Share Limit.” Our Board of Directors has approved the 2022 Plan, subject to stockholder approval at the special meeting.

The 2022 Plan is intended to replace the Dragonfly Energy, Inc. 2019 Stock Incentive Plan and the Dragonfly Energy, Inc. 2021 Stock Incentive Plan (collectively, the “*Prior Plans*”), which the Company will assume in the Business Combination. Following the Closing, no additional awards will be granted under the Prior Plans, although all stock awards granted under the Prior Plans that are outstanding immediately prior to the Closing will be assumed by the Company and continue to be subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in the agreements evidencing such stock awards and the terms of the applicable Prior Plan.

The Company believes that stock-based awards focus employees on the objective of creating stockholder value and promoting the success of the Company, and that incentive compensation plans like the proposed 2022 Plan are an important attraction, retention and motivation tool for participants in the plan. Therefore, our Board of Directors recommends that our stockholders approve the 2022 Plan.

Summary Description of the 2022 Equity Incentive Plan

The principal terms of the 2022 Plan are summarized below. The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the 2022 Plan, which appears as Annex B to this proxy statement/prospectus.

Purpose. The purpose of the 2022 Plan is to promote the success of the Company by providing an additional means for us to attract, motivate, retain and reward selected employees and other eligible persons through the grant of awards. Equity-based awards are also intended to further align the interests of award recipients and stockholders.

Administration. The Company’s Board of Directors or one or more committees appointed by the Board of Directors will administer the 2022 Plan. The Board of Directors or a committee thereof (within its delegated authority) may delegate different levels of authority to different committees or persons with administrative and grant authority under the 2022 Plan. The Board of Directors has delegated general administrative authority for the 2022 Plan to the Compensation Committee. (The appropriate acting body, be it the Board of Directors or a committee or other person within its delegated authority, is referred to in this proposal as the “*Administrator*”).

The Administrator has broad authority under the 2022 Plan, including, without limitation, the authority:

- to determine eligibility and, from among such persons determined to be eligible, determine the type(s) of award(s) that they are to receive;
- to grant awards and determine the terms and conditions of awards, including the price (if any) to be paid for the shares or the award and, in the case of share-based awards, the number of shares to be offered or awarded;
- to determine any applicable vesting and exercise conditions for awards (including any applicable performance and/or time-based vesting or exercisability conditions) and the extent to which such conditions have been satisfied, or determine that no delayed vesting or exercise is required, to determine the circumstances in which any performance-based goals (or the applicable measure of performance) will be adjusted and the nature and impact of any such adjustment, to establish the events (if any) on which exercisability or vesting may accelerate (including specified terminations of employment or service or other circumstances), and to accelerate or extend the vesting or exercisability or extend the term of any or all outstanding awards (subject in the case of options and stock appreciation rights to the maximum term of the award);

- to cancel, modify, or waive the Company's rights with respect to, or modify, discontinue, suspend, or terminate any or all outstanding awards, subject to any required consents;
- subject to the other provisions of the 2022 Plan, to make certain adjustments to an outstanding award and to authorize the conversion, succession or substitution of an award;
- to determine the method of payment of any purchase price for an award or shares of the Company's common stock delivered under the 2022 Plan, as well as any tax-related items with respect to an award, which may be in the form of cash, check, or electronic funds transfer, by the delivery of already-owned shares of the Company's common stock or by a reduction of the number of shares deliverable pursuant to the award, by services rendered by the recipient of the award, by notice and third party payment or cashless exercise on such terms as the Administrator may authorize, or any other form permitted by law;
- to modify the terms and conditions of any award, establish sub-plans and agreements and determine different terms and conditions that the Administrator deems necessary or advisable to comply with laws in the countries where the Company or one of its subsidiaries operates or where one or more eligible participants reside or provide services;
- to approve the form of any award agreements issued under the 2022 Plan; and
- to construe and interpret the 2022 Plan and any award agreements issued thereunder, make rules for the administration of the 2022 Plan, and make all other determinations for the administration of the 2022 Plan.

No Repricing. In no case (except due to an adjustment to reflect a stock split or other event referred to under "Adjustments" below, or any repricing that may be approved by stockholders) will the Administrator (1) amend an outstanding stock option or stock appreciation right to reduce the exercise price or base price of the award, (2) cancel, exchange, or surrender an outstanding stock option or stock appreciation right in exchange for cash or other awards for the purpose of repricing the award, or (3) cancel, exchange, or surrender an outstanding stock option or stock appreciation right in exchange for an option or stock appreciation right with an exercise or base price that is less than the exercise or base price of the original award.

Eligibility. Persons eligible to receive awards under the 2022 Plan include officers or employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, directors of the Company, and certain consultants and advisors to the Company or any of its subsidiaries. We estimate that, immediately following the Closing of the Business Combination, approximately [] officers and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries (including all of the Company's named executive officers), and each of the [] members of the Company's Board of Directors who are not employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries ("*Non-Employee Directors*"), will be considered eligible under the 2022 Plan. In addition, we estimate that approximately [] individual consultants and advisors engaged by the Company and its subsidiaries will then be considered eligible under the 2022 Plan.

Aggregate Share Limit. The maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be issued or transferred pursuant to awards under the 2022 Plan equals the sum of the following (such total number of shares, the "*Share Limit*"):

- [] shares, plus
- the number of any shares subject to stock options granted under the Prior Plans and outstanding as of the date of stockholder approval of the 2022 Plan (the "*Stockholder Approval Date*") which expire, or for any reason are cancelled or terminated, after the Stockholder Approval Date without being exercised, plus
- the number of any shares subject to restricted stock awards granted under the Prior Plans that are outstanding and unvested on the Stockholder Approval Date that are forfeited, terminated, cancelled, or otherwise reacquired by the Company after the Stockholder Approval Date without having become vested.

In addition, the Share Limit shall automatically increase on the first trading day in January of each calendar year during the term of the 2022 Plan, with the first such increase to occur in January 2023, by an

amount equal to the lesser of (i) four percent of the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on December 31 of the immediately preceding calendar year or (ii) such number of shares of Common Stock as may be established by the Board of Directors.

As of [], 2022, approximately [] shares were subject to stock options then outstanding under the Prior Plans, and approximately [] shares were subject to unvested restricted stock awards then outstanding under the Prior Plans. As noted above, no additional awards will be granted under the Prior Plans.

Additional Share Limits. The following other limits are also contained in the 2022 Plan. These limits are in addition to, and not in lieu of, the Share Limit for the plan described above.

- The maximum number of shares that may be delivered pursuant to options qualified as incentive stock options granted under the 2022 Plan is [] shares. (For clarity, any shares issued in respect of incentive stock options granted under the 2022 Plan will also count against the overall Share Limit above.)
- Awards that are granted under the 2022 Plan during any one calendar year to any person who, on the grant date of the award, is a Non-Employee Director shall not exceed the number of shares that produce a grant date fair value for the award that, when combined with (i) the grant date fair value of any other awards granted under the 2022 Plan during that same calendar year to that individual in his or her capacity as a Non-Employee Director and (ii) the dollar amount of all other cash compensation payable by the Company to such Non-Employee Director for his or her services in such capacity during that same calendar year (regardless of whether deferred and excluding any interest or earnings on any portion of such amount that may be deferred), is \$[]; provided that this limit is \$[] as to (1) a Non-Employee Director who is serving as the independent Chair of the Board of Directors or as a lead independent director at the time the applicable grant is made or (2) any new Non-Employee Director for the calendar year in which the non-employee director is first elected or appointed to the Board of Directors. For purposes of this limit, the “grant date fair value” of an award means the value of the award as of the date of grant of the award and as determined using the equity award valuation principles applied in the Company’s financial reporting. This limit does not apply to, and will be determined without taking into account, any award granted to an individual who, on the grant date of the award, is an officer or employee of the Company or one of its subsidiaries. This limit applies on an individual basis and not on an aggregate basis to all Non-Employee Directors as a group.

Share-Limit Counting Rules. The Share Limit of the 2022 Plan is subject to the following rules:

- Shares that are subject to or underlie awards which expire or for any reason are cancelled or terminated, are forfeited, fail to vest, or for any other reason are not paid or delivered under the 2022 Plan will not be counted against the Share Limit and will again be available for subsequent awards under the 2022 Plan.
- Except as described below, to the extent that shares are delivered pursuant to the exercise of a stock appreciation right granted under the 2022 Plan, the number of underlying shares which are actually issued in payment of the award shall be counted against the Share Limit. (For purposes of clarity, if a stock appreciation right relates to 100,000 shares and is exercised at a time when the payment due to the participant is 15,000 shares, 15,000 shares shall be charged against the Share Limit with respect to such exercise, and the 85,000 shares not issued shall not count against the Share Limit and shall be available for subsequent awards under the 2022 Plan.)
- Shares that are exchanged by a participant or withheld by the Company as full or partial payment in connection with any award granted under the 2022 Plan, as well as any shares exchanged or withheld to satisfy the tax withholding obligations related to any award granted under the 2022 Plan, will be counted against the Share Limit and will not again be available for subsequent awards under the 2022 Plan.
- To the extent that an award granted under the 2022 Plan is settled in cash or a form other than shares, the shares that would have been delivered had there been no such cash or other settlement will not be counted against the Share Limit and will again be available for subsequent awards under the 2022 Plan.
- In the event that shares are delivered in respect of a dividend equivalent right granted under the 2022 Plan, the number of shares delivered with respect to the award will be counted against the Share Limit.

(For purposes of clarity, if 1,000 dividend equivalent rights are granted and outstanding when the Company pays a dividend, and 50 shares are delivered in payment of those rights with respect to that dividend, 50 shares shall be counted against the Share Limit.) Except as otherwise provided by the Administrator, shares delivered in respect of dividend equivalent rights shall not count against any individual award limit under the 2022 Plan other than the aggregate Share Limit.

In addition, the 2022 Plan generally provides that shares issued in connection with awards that are granted by or become obligations of the Company through the assumption of awards (or in substitution for awards) in connection with an acquisition of another company will not count against the shares available for issuance under the 2022 Plan. The Company may not increase the applicable share limits of the 2022 Plan by repurchasing shares of common stock on the market (by using cash received through the exercise of stock options or otherwise).

Types of Awards. The 2022 Plan authorizes stock options, stock appreciation rights, and other forms of awards granted or denominated in the Company's common stock or units of the Company's common stock, as well as cash awards. The 2022 Plan retains flexibility to offer competitive incentives and to tailor benefits to specific needs and circumstances. Any award may be structured to be paid or settled in cash.

A stock option is the right to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at a future date at a specified price per share (the "*exercise price*"). The per share exercise price of an option generally may not be less than the fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The maximum term of an option is ten years from the date of grant. An option may either be an incentive stock option or a nonqualified stock option. Incentive stock option benefits are taxed differently from nonqualified stock options, as described under "Federal Income Tax Consequences of Awards Under the 2022 Plan" below. Incentive stock options are also subject to more restrictive terms and are limited in amount by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and the 2022 Plan. Incentive stock options may only be granted to employees of the Company or a subsidiary.

A stock appreciation right is the right to receive payment of an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of share of the Company's common stock on the date of exercise of the stock appreciation right over the base price of the stock appreciation right. The base price will be established by the Administrator at the time of grant of the stock appreciation right and generally may not be less than the fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Stock appreciation rights may be granted in connection with other awards or independently. The maximum term of a stock appreciation right is ten years from the date of grant.

The other types of awards that may be granted under the 2022 Plan include, without limitation, stock bonuses, restricted stock, performance stock, stock units or phantom stock (which are contractual rights to receive shares of stock, or cash based on the fair market value of a share of stock), dividend equivalents which represent the right to receive a payment based on the dividends paid on a share of stock over a stated period of time, or similar rights to purchase or acquire shares, and cash awards.

Any awards under the 2022 Plan (including awards of stock options and stock appreciation rights) may be fully-vested at grant or may be subject to time- and/or performance-based vesting requirements.

Dividend Equivalents; Deferrals. The Administrator may provide for the deferred payment of awards, and may determine the other terms applicable to deferrals. The Administrator may provide that awards under the 2022 Plan (other than options or stock appreciation rights), and/or deferrals, earn dividends or dividend equivalents based on the amount of dividends paid on outstanding shares of Common Stock, provided that any dividends and/or dividend equivalents as to the portion of an award that is subject to unsatisfied vesting requirements will be subject to termination and forfeiture to the same extent as the corresponding portion of the award to which they relate in the event the applicable vesting requirements are not satisfied (or, in the case of a restricted stock or similar award where the dividend must be paid as a matter of law, the dividend payment will be subject to forfeiture or repayment, as the case may be, if the related vesting conditions are not satisfied).

Assumption and Termination of Awards. If an event occurs in which the Company does not survive (or does not survive as a public company in respect of its common stock), including, without limitation, a dissolution, merger, combination, consolidation, conversion, exchange of securities, or other reorganization, or a sale of all or substantially all of the business, stock or assets of the Company, awards then-outstanding

under the 2022 Plan will not automatically become fully vested pursuant to the provisions of the 2022 Plan so long as such awards are assumed, substituted for or otherwise continued. However, if awards then-outstanding under the 2022 Plan are to be terminated in such circumstances (without being assumed or substituted for), such awards would generally become fully vested (with any performance goals applicable to the award being deemed met at either the “target” performance level or based on performance through the applicable transaction, as determined by the Administrator in its discretion), subject to any exceptions that the Administrator may provide for in an applicable award agreement. The Administrator also has the discretion to establish other change in control provisions with respect to awards granted under the 2022 Plan. For example, the Administrator could provide for the acceleration of vesting or payment of an award in connection with a corporate event or in connection with a termination of the award holder’s employment.

Transfer Restrictions. Subject to certain exceptions contained in Section 5.6 of the 2022 Plan, awards under the 2022 Plan generally are not transferable by the recipient other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution and are generally exercisable, during the recipient’s lifetime, only by the recipient. Any amounts payable or shares issuable pursuant to an award generally will be paid only to the recipient or the recipient’s beneficiary or representative. The Administrator has discretion, however, to establish written conditions and procedures for the transfer of awards to other persons or entities, provided that such transfers comply with applicable federal and state securities laws and are not made for value (other than nominal consideration, settlement of marital property rights, or for interests in an entity in which more than 50% of the voting securities are held by the award recipient or by the recipient’s family members).

Adjustments. As is customary in incentive plans of this nature, each share limit and the number and kind of shares available under the 2022 Plan and any outstanding awards, as well as the exercise or purchase prices of awards, and performance targets under certain types of performance-based awards, are subject to adjustment in the event of certain reorganizations, mergers, combinations, recapitalizations, stock splits, stock dividends, or other similar events that change the number or kind of shares outstanding, and extraordinary dividends or distributions of property to the stockholders.

No Limit on Other Authority. The 2022 Plan does not limit the authority of the Board of Directors or any committee to grant awards or authorize any other compensation, with or without reference to the Company’s common stock, under any other plan or authority.

Termination of or Changes to the 2022 Plan. The Board of Directors may amend or terminate the 2022 Plan at any time and in any manner. Stockholder approval for an amendment will be required only to the extent then required by applicable law or deemed necessary or advisable by the Board of Directors. Unless terminated earlier by the Board of Directors and subject to any extension that may be approved by stockholders, the authority to grant new awards under the 2022 Plan will terminate on []. Outstanding awards, as well as the Administrator’s authority with respect thereto, generally will continue following the expiration or termination of the 2022 Plan. Generally speaking, outstanding awards may be amended by the Administrator (except for a repricing), but the consent of the award holder is required if the amendment (or any plan amendment) materially and adversely affects the holder.

U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences of Awards under the 2022 Plan

The U.S. federal income tax consequences of the 2022 Plan under current federal law, which is subject to change, are summarized in the following discussion of the general tax principles applicable to the 2022 Plan. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive and, among other considerations, does not describe the deferred compensation provisions of Section 409A of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code to the extent an award is subject to and does not satisfy those rules, nor does it describe state, local, or international tax consequences.

With respect to nonqualified stock options, the company is generally entitled to deduct and the participant recognizes taxable income in an amount equal to the difference between the option exercise price and the fair market value of the shares at the time of exercise. With respect to incentive stock options, the company is generally not entitled to a deduction nor does the participant recognize income at the time of exercise, although the participant may be subject to the U.S. federal alternative minimum tax.

The current federal income tax consequences of other awards authorized under the 2022 Plan generally follow certain basic patterns: nontransferable restricted stock subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture results

in income recognition equal to the excess of the fair market value over the price paid (if any) only at the time the restrictions lapse (unless the recipient elects to accelerate recognition as of the date of grant); bonuses, stock appreciation rights, cash and stock-based performance awards, dividend equivalents, stock units, and other types of awards are generally subject to tax at the time of payment; and compensation otherwise effectively deferred is taxed when paid. In each of the foregoing cases, the company will generally have a corresponding deduction at the time the participant recognizes income.

If an award is accelerated under the 2022 Plan in connection with a “change in control” (as this term is used under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code), the company may not be permitted to deduct the portion of the compensation attributable to the acceleration (“parachute payments”) if it exceeds certain threshold limits under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (and certain related excise taxes may be triggered). Furthermore, under Section 162(m) of the Code, the aggregate compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 payable to current or former Named Executive Officers (including amounts attributable to equity-based and other incentive awards) may not be deductible by the Company in certain circumstances.

Specific Benefits under the 2022 Equity Incentive Plan

The Company has not approved any awards that are conditioned upon stockholder approval of the 2022 Plan. [The Company is not currently considering any other specific award grants under the 2022 Plan.] If the 2022 Plan had been in existence in fiscal 2021, the Company expects that its award grants for fiscal 2021 would not have been substantially different from those actually made by the Company in that year. For information regarding share-based awards granted to the Named Executive Officers during fiscal 2021, see the material under the heading “*Executive Compensation*”.

Vote Required for Approval

The approval of the Incentive Plan Proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of the majority of Chardan’s shares of common stock present at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is established, a Chardan stockholder’s failure to vote by proxy or to vote at the special meeting with regard to the Incentive Plan Proposal will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” this proposal.

The Incentive Plan Proposal is conditioned on the approval of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal and the ESPP Proposal. Therefore, if the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, Nasdaq Proposal and the ESPP Proposal are not approved, the Incentive Plan Proposal will have no effect, even if approved by our public stockholders.

Recommendation of the Chardan Board

THE CHARDAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE CHARDAN STOCKHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” THE APPROVAL OF THE INCENTIVE PLAN PROPOSAL.

PROPOSAL NO. 4—THE NASDAQ PROPOSAL

Overview

Assuming the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal and the Incentive Plan Proposal are approved, our stockholders also will be asked to approve the Nasdaq Proposal.

The Nasdaq Proposal is a proposal to approve, assuming the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal and the Incentive Plan Proposal are approved and adopted, for the purposes of complying with the applicable listing rules of the Nasdaq, the issuance of more than 20% of our issued and outstanding common stock, including (i) pursuant to the PIPE Investment, (ii) pursuant to the Equity Facility, (iii) pursuant to the Term Loan Lender Warrants and (iv) pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Agreement (including the Aggregate Merger Consideration and the Earnout Shares) that may result in Dragonfly equityholders acquiring shares owning more than 20% of our outstanding common stock, or more than 20% of the voting power, which could constitute a “change of control” under Nasdaq Listed Rules. Please see the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal.*”

Reasons for the Approval of the Nasdaq Proposal

We are seeking stockholder approval in order to comply with Rules 5635(a), (b), and (d), as applicable, of the Nasdaq Listed Company Manual.

Pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rule 5635(a), stockholder approval is required prior to the issuance of common stock or other securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock, in connection with the acquisition of the stock or assets of another company, if such securities are not issued in a public offering and (i) the common stock has, or will have upon issuance, voting power equal to or in excess of 20% of the voting power outstanding before the issuance of such securities, or (ii) the number of shares of common stock to be issued is or will be equal to or in excess of 20% of the number of shares of common stock outstanding before the issuance of such securities. The aggregate number of shares of common stock that Chardan will issue in the Business Combination and pursuant to the PIPE Investment, the Equity Facility and the Term Loan Lender Warrants will exceed 20% of both the voting power and the shares of Chardan common stock outstanding before such issuance, and for this reason, Chardan is seeking the approval of its stockholders for the foregoing issuances.

Second, pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rule 5635(b), stockholder approval is required prior to the issuance of securities when the issuance or potential issuance will result in a change in control of the company. Here, the issuance of common stock to the equityholders of Dragonfly will result in a change of control of Chardan. Accordingly, Chardan is seeking the approval of its stockholders for such issuances.

Effect of the Proposal on Current Stockholders

If the Nasdaq Proposal is adopted, (i) 500,000 shares of common stock are issuable pursuant to the Subscription Agreement, (ii) and [•] shares of common stock will be issuable pursuant to the Equity Facility, (iii) [•] shares of common stock will be issuable pursuant to the Term Loan Lender Warrants and (iv) up to [80,000,000] shares of common stock will be issued to Dragonfly equityholders (including [40,000,000] shares issuable to Dragonfly stockholders as part of the Earnout Shares) pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Agreement, which will represent approximately [•]% of the [•] shares of Chardan’s common stock outstanding following the Business Combination, assuming (a) none of Chardan’s public stockholders exercises redemption rights with respect to their public shares, (b) no exercise of Chardan’s 14,115,358 outstanding warrants at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share (which warrants are not exercisable until the later of 12 months from the closing of the Chardan IPO and 30 days after the completion of the Business Combination), and (c) that no shares are issued pursuant to the Incentive Plan.

In the event that this proposal is not approved by our stockholders, the Business Combination may not be consummated. In the event that this proposal is approved by our stockholders, but the Business Combination Agreement is terminated (without the Business Combination being consummated) prior to the issuance of shares of common stock pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan will not issue the shares of common stock.

Vote Required for Approval

The approval of the Nasdaq Proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of the majority of Chardan's shares of common stock present at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is established, a Chardan stockholder's failure to vote by proxy or to vote at the special meeting with regard to the Nasdaq Proposal will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" this proposal.

The Nasdaq Proposal is conditioned on the approval of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal and the ESPP Proposal. Therefore, if the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, Incentive Plan Proposal and the ESPP Proposal are not approved, the Nasdaq Proposal will have no effect, even if approved by our public stockholders.

Recommendation of the Chardan Board

THE CHARDAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE CHARDAN STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE NASDAQ PROPOSAL.

PROPOSAL NO. 5 — THE ESPP PROPOSAL

General

Assuming the Business Combination Proposal and the Nasdaq Proposal are approved, stockholders are being asked to approve the New Dragonfly Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “*ESPP*”). A total of [] shares of the New Dragonfly common stock (“*Common Stock*”) will initially be reserved for issuance under the ESPP, and additional shares will become available for issuance under the ESPP each year as described below under “Limits on Authorized Shares; Limits on Contributions.” Our Board of Directors has approved the ESPP, subject to stockholder approval at the special meeting.

Under the ESPP, shares of the Company’s common stock will be available for purchase by eligible employees who elect to participate in the ESPP. Eligible employees will be entitled to purchase, by means of payroll deductions, limited amounts of the Company’s common stock at a discount during periodic offering periods. The ESPP will not be effective without stockholder approval.

The Board of Directors believes that the ESPP will help the Company retain and motivate eligible employees and will help further align the interests of eligible employees with those of the Company’s stockholders. [The Company has not yet determined the timing of the initial offering period under the ESPP.]

Summary Description of the ESPP

The principal terms of the ESPP are summarized below. The following summary is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the ESPP, which appears as Annex H to this proxy statement/prospectus.

Purpose. The purpose of the ESPP is to provide eligible employees with an opportunity to purchase shares of the Company’s common stock at a favorable price and upon favorable terms in consideration of the participating employees’ continued services. The ESPP is intended to provide an additional incentive to participating eligible employees to remain in the Company’s employ and to advance the best interests of the Company and those of the Company’s stockholders.

Operation of the ESPP. It is currently expected that the ESPP will operate in successive six-month periods referred to as “Offering Periods.” The ESPP administrator may change the duration of Offering Periods from time to time in advance of the applicable Offering Period, provided that no Offering Period may be shorter than three months or longer than 27 months. The ESPP administrator may also provide that an Offering Period will consist of multiple “purchase periods,” with a purchase of shares under the ESPP to occur at the end of each such purchase period. However, only one Offering Period may be in effect at any one time.

On the first day of each Offering Period (referred to as the “*Grant Date*”), each eligible employee who has timely filed a valid election to participate in the ESPP for that Offering Period will be granted an option to purchase shares of the Company’s common stock. A participant must designate in the election the percentage of the participant’s compensation to be withheld from his or her pay during that Offering Period for the purchase of stock under the ESPP. The participant’s contributions under the ESPP will be credited to a bookkeeping account in his or her name. A participant generally may elect to terminate, but may not otherwise increase or decrease, his or her contributions to the ESPP during an Offering Period. Amounts contributed to the ESPP constitute general corporate assets of the Company and may be used for any corporate purpose.

Each option granted under the ESPP will automatically be exercised on the last day of the Offering Period with respect to which it was granted, or the last day of each purchase period for an Offering Period that consists of multiple purchase periods (each such date on which ESPP options are exercised is referred to as an “*Exercise Date*”). The number of shares acquired by a participant upon exercise of his or her option will be determined by dividing the participant’s ESPP account balance as of the Exercise Date by the Option Price for the applicable period. The determination of the Option Price for each Offering Period (or each purchase period within an Offering Period) will be established by the ESPP administrator in advance of the applicable period, except that in no event may the Option Price be lower than the lesser of (i) 85% of the fair market value of a share of the Company’s common stock on the applicable Grant Date, or (ii) 85% of the fair market value of a share of the Company’s common stock on the applicable Exercise Date. A participant’s ESPP account

will be reduced upon exercise of his or her option by the amount used to pay the Option Price for the shares acquired by the participant. No interest will be paid to any participant or credited to any account under the ESPP.

Eligibility. Only certain employees will be eligible to participate in the ESPP. To participate in an Offering Period, on the Grant Date of that period an individual must:

- be employed by the Company or one of its subsidiaries that has been designated as a participating subsidiary;
- be customarily employed for more than 20 hours per week; and
- be customarily employed for more than five months per calendar year.

We estimate that, immediately following the Closing of the Business Combination, approximately [•] officers and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries (including all of the Company's Named Executive Officers), would be eligible to participate in the ESPP if the plan were then in effect.

Limits on Authorized Shares; Limits on Contributions. If stockholders approve the ESPP, a maximum of [] shares of the Company's common stock will initially be available for delivery under the ESPP. In addition, this share limit will automatically increase on the first trading day in January of each of the calendar years during the term of the ESPP, with the first such increase to occur in January 2023, by an amount equal to the lesser of (A) one percent of the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on December 31 of the immediately preceding calendar year, (B) [] shares of Common Stock, or (C) such number of shares of Common Stock as may be established by the Board of Directors.

Participation in the ESPP is also subject to the following limits:

- A participant cannot contribute less than 1% or more than 15% of his or her compensation to the purchase of stock under the ESPP in any one payroll period.
- A participant cannot purchase more than [] shares of the Company's common stock under the ESPP in any one Offering Period (subject to adjustment by the ESPP administrator for any Offering Period that is longer or shorter than six months).
- A participant cannot purchase more than \$25,000 of stock (valued at the start of the applicable Offering Period and without giving effect to any discount reflected in the purchase price for the stock) under the ESPP in any one calendar year.
- A participant will not be granted an option under the ESPP if it would cause the participant to own stock and/or hold outstanding options to purchase stock representing 5% or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of the Company or one of its subsidiaries or to the extent it would exceed certain other limits under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (the "Code").

We have the flexibility to change the contribution limits and the individual-share limit referred to above from time to time without stockholder approval. However, we cannot increase the aggregate-share limit under the ESPP, other than to reflect stock splits and similar adjustments as described below, without stockholder approval. The \$25,000 and the 5% ownership limitations referred to above are required under the Code.

Antidilution Adjustments. As is customary in stock incentive plans of this nature, the number and kind of shares available under the ESPP, as well as ESPP purchase prices and share limits, are subject to adjustment in the case of certain corporate events. These events include reorganizations, mergers, combinations, consolidations, recapitalizations, reclassifications, stock splits, stock dividends, asset sales or other similar unusual or extraordinary corporate events, or extraordinary dividends or distributions of property to our stockholders.

Termination of Participation. A participant's election to participate in the ESPP will generally continue in effect for all Offering Periods until the participant files a new election that takes effect or the participant ceases to participate in the ESPP. A participant's participation in the ESPP generally will terminate if, prior to the applicable Exercise Date, the participant ceases to be employed by the Company or one of its participating subsidiaries or the participant is no longer scheduled to work more than 20 hours per week or five months per calendar year.

If a participant's ESPP participation terminates during an Offering Period for any of the reasons discussed in the preceding paragraph, the participant will no longer be permitted to make contributions to the ESPP for that Offering Period and, subject to limited exceptions, the participant's option for that Offering Period will automatically terminate and his or her ESPP account balance will be paid to him or her in cash without interest. However, a participant's termination from participation will not have any effect upon his or her ability to participate in any succeeding Offering Period, provided that the applicable eligibility and participation requirements are again then met.

Transfer Restrictions. A participant's rights with respect to options or the purchase of shares under the ESPP, as well as contributions credited to his or her ESPP account, may not be assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise disposed of in any way except by will or the laws of descent and distribution.

Administration. The ESPP is administered by the Board of Directors or by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has appointed the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors as the administrator of the ESPP. The administrator has full power and discretion to adopt, amend or rescind any rules and regulations for carrying out the ESPP and to construe and interpret the ESPP. Decisions of the ESPP administrator with respect to the ESPP are final and binding on all persons.

No Limit on Other Plans. The ESPP does not limit the ability of the Board of Directors or any committee of the Board of Directors to grant awards or authorize any other compensation, with or without reference to the Company's common stock, under any other plan or authority.

Amendments. The Board of Directors generally may amend or terminate the ESPP at any time and in any manner, provided that the then-existing rights of participants are not materially and adversely affected thereby. Stockholder approval for an amendment to the ESPP will only be required to the extent necessary to meet the requirement of Section 423 of the Code or to the extent otherwise required by law or applicable listing rules. The ESPP administrator also may, from time to time, without stockholder approval, designate those subsidiaries of the Company whose employees may participate in the ESPP and make certain other administrative changes as authorized by the plan.

Termination. No new Offering Periods will commence under the ESPP on or after [], 2032, unless the Board of Directors terminates the ESPP earlier. The ESPP will also terminate earlier if all of the shares authorized under the ESPP have been purchased. If an event occurs in which the Company does not survive (or does not survive as a public company in respect of its common stock), subject to any provision made by the Board of Directors for the assumption or continuation of the options then outstanding under the ESPP, the Offering Period then in progress will be shortened and the outstanding options will automatically be exercised on a date established by the ESPP administrator that is not more than 10 days before the closing of the transaction.

Federal Income Tax Consequences of the ESPP

Following is a general summary of the current federal income tax principles applicable to the ESPP. The following summary is not intended to be exhaustive and does not describe state, local or international tax consequences.

The ESPP is intended to qualify as an "employee stock purchase plan" under Section 423 of the Code. Participant contributions to the ESPP are made on an after-tax basis. That is, a participant's ESPP contributions are deducted from compensation that is taxable to the participant and for which the Company is generally entitled to a tax deduction.

Generally, no taxable income is recognized by a participant with respect to either the grant or exercise of his or her ESPP option. The Company will have no tax deduction with respect to either of those events. A participant will generally recognize income (or loss) only upon a sale or disposition of any shares that the participant acquires under the ESPP. The particular tax consequences of a sale of shares acquired under the ESPP depend on whether the participant has held the shares for a "Required Holding Period" before selling or disposing of the shares. The Required Holding Period starts on the date that the participant acquires the shares under the ESPP and ends on the *later* of (1) two years after the Grant Date of the Offering Period in which the participant acquired the shares, or (2) one year after the Exercise Date on which the participant acquired the shares.

If the participant holds the shares for the Required Holding Period and then sells the shares at a price in excess of the purchase price paid for the shares, the gain on the sale of the shares will be taxed as ordinary income to the participant to the extent of the *lesser* of (1) the amount by which the fair market value of the shares on the Grant Date of the Offering Period in which the participant acquired the shares exceeded the purchase price of the shares (calculated as though the shares had been purchased on the Grant Date), or (2) the gain on the sale of the shares. Any portion of the participant's gain on the sale of the shares not taxed as ordinary income will be taxed as long-term capital gain. If the participant holds the shares for the Required Holding Period and then sells the shares at a price less than the purchase price paid for the shares, the loss on the sale will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the participant. The Company will not be entitled to a tax deduction with respect to any shares held by the participant for the Required Holding Period, regardless of whether the shares are eventually sold at a gain or a loss.

The participant has a "Disqualifying Disposition" if the participant disposes of the shares before the Required Holding Period has been met. If the participant sells the shares in a Disqualifying Disposition, the participant will realize ordinary income in an amount equal to the difference between the purchase price paid for the shares and the fair market value of the shares on the Exercise Date on which the participant acquired the shares, and the Company generally will be entitled to a corresponding tax deduction. In addition, if the participant makes a Disqualifying Disposition of the shares at a price in excess of the fair market value of the shares on the Exercise Date, the participant will realize capital gain in an amount equal to the difference between the selling price of the shares and the fair market value of the shares on the Exercise Date. Alternatively, if the participant makes a Disqualifying Disposition of the shares at a price less than the fair market value of the shares on the Exercise Date, the participant will realize a capital loss in an amount equal to the difference between the fair market value of the shares on the Exercise Date and the selling price of the shares. The Company will not be entitled to a tax deduction with respect to any capital gain realized by a participant.

Specific Benefits

The benefits that will be received by or allocated to eligible employees under the ESPP cannot be determined at this time because the amount of contributions set aside to purchase shares of the Company's common stock under the ESPP (subject to the limitations discussed above) is entirely within the discretion of each participant.

Vote Required for Approval

The approval of the ESPP Proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of the majority of Chardan's shares of common stock present at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is established, a Chardan stockholder's failure to vote by proxy or to vote at the special meeting with regard to the ESPP Proposal will have the same effect as a vote "AGAINST" this proposal.

The ESPP Proposal is conditioned on the approval of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal and the Nasdaq Proposal. Therefore, if the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal and the Nasdaq Proposal are not approved, the ESPP Proposal will have no effect, even if approved by our public stockholders.

Recommendation of the Chardan Board

THE CHARDAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE CHARDAN STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE ESPP PROPOSAL.

PROPOSAL NO. 6 — THE ADJOURNMENT PROPOSAL

The Adjournment Proposal allows the Chardan Board to submit a proposal to adjourn the special meeting to a later date or dates, if necessary, to permit further solicitation and vote of proxies in the event that there are insufficient votes for, or otherwise in connection with, the approval of the Business Combination Proposal, the Charter Proposal, the Incentive Plan Proposal, the Nasdaq Proposal or the ESPP Proposal.

In no event will Chardan solicit proxies to adjourn the special meeting or consummate the Business Combination beyond the date by which it may properly do so under its current certificate of incorporation and Delaware law. The purpose of the Adjournment Proposal is to provide more time for the Sponsor, Chardan and/or their respective affiliates to make purchases of public shares or other arrangements that would increase the likelihood of obtaining a favorable vote on such proposal and to meet the requirements that are necessary to consummate the Business Combination. See the section entitled “*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination.*”

In addition to an adjournment of the special meeting upon approval of an Adjournment Proposal, the Chardan Board is empowered under Delaware law to postpone the meeting at any time prior to the special meeting being called to order. In such event, Chardan will issue a press release and take such other steps as it believes are necessary and practical in the circumstances to inform its stockholders of the postponement.

Consequences if the Adjournment Proposal is Not Approved

If an Adjournment Proposal is presented at the special meeting and is not approved by the stockholders, the Chardan Board may not be able to adjourn the special meeting to a later date. In such event, the Business Combination would not be completed.

Vote Required

The approval of the Adjournment Proposal requires the affirmative vote of holders of the majority of Chardan’s shares of common stock present at the special meeting and entitled to vote thereon at the special meeting. Accordingly, if a valid quorum is established, a Chardan stockholder’s failure to vote by proxy or to vote at the special meeting with regard to the Adjournment Proposal will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” this proposal.

Adoption of the Adjournment Proposal is not conditioned upon the adoption of any of the other proposals. If a valid quorum is established, a Chardan stockholder’s failure to vote by proxy or to vote at the special meeting, abstentions with regard to the Adjournment Proposal will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” such proposal and a broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the Adjournment Proposal.

Recommendation of the Chardan Board

THE CHARDAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE CHARDAN STOCKHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” THE APPROVAL OF THE ADJOURNMENT PROPOSAL.

U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a discussion of U.S. federal income tax considerations generally applicable to public stockholders that elect to have their public shares redeemed for cash if the Merger is completed. This discussion applies only to public shares that are held as a capital asset for U.S. federal income tax purposes (generally, property held for investment).

This discussion does not describe all U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to a public stockholder in light of the holder's particular circumstances or to public stockholders that may be subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws, including:

- banks and financial institutions;
- insurance companies;
- brokers and dealers in securities, currencies or commodities;
- taxpayers subject to mark-to-market accounting rules;
- regulated investment companies and real estate investment trusts;
- governments or agencies or instrumentalities thereof;
- persons holding public shares as part of a "straddle," hedge, integrated transaction or similar transaction;
- persons that acquired our securities pursuant to an exercise of employee share options, in connection with employee share incentive plans or otherwise as compensation, or in connection with services;
- U.S. Holders (as defined below) whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;
- partnerships or other pass-through entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes (and investors therein);
- certain former citizens or long-term residents of the United States;
- controlled foreign corporations and passive foreign investment companies;
- qualified foreign pension funds;
- any holder of Chardan Founder Shares; and
- tax-exempt entities.

In addition, this discussion does not address considerations relating to the alternative minimum tax, the Medicare tax on net investment income, or any state, local or non-U.S. tax considerations or any tax considerations other than U.S. federal income tax considerations. The effects of other U.S. federal tax laws, such as estate and gift tax laws, are not discussed.

For purposes of this discussion, the term "U.S. Holder" means a beneficial owner of public shares that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is or is treated as:

- a citizen or individual resident of the United States,
- a corporation organized in or under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia,
- a trust if (a) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all of the trust's substantial decisions or (b) it has made a valid election to be treated as a United States person for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or
- an estate, the income of which is includible in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes regardless of its source.

For purposes of this discussion, a "Non-U.S. Holder" is a beneficial owner of public shares (other than an entity or arrangement classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that is not a U.S. Holder.

If a partnership (or other entity or arrangement classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds public shares, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the partners in the partnership will generally depend on the status of the partners, the activities of the partnership and certain determinations made at the partner level. Accordingly, partnerships that hold public shares and their partners should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences to them of the matters discussed below.

The following discussion is a summary only and does not discuss all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation relating to redemptions of public shares by public stockholders. This discussion is based on the Code, Treasury Regulations, judicial decisions, published positions of the IRS, and other applicable authorities, all as in effect as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations. Any such change or differing interpretation may be applied retroactively in a manner that could adversely affect public stockholders to which this discussion applies and could affect the accuracy of the statements herein. Chardan has not sought and will not seek any rulings from the IRS regarding any matter discussed in this summary. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to those described below.

This discussion is not tax advice. Public stockholders should consult their tax advisors with respect to the application of U.S. federal income tax laws to a redemption in light of their particular circumstances, as well as any tax consequences arising under the U.S. federal estate or gift tax laws or under the laws of any state, local or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction or under any applicable income tax treaty.

Redemption of Public Shares by Public Stockholders

If a public stockholder's public shares are redeemed pursuant to the redemption provisions described in "*Special Meeting of Chardan Stockholders — Redemption Rights*," the treatment of the redemption for U.S. federal income tax purposes will depend on whether or not the redemption qualifies as a sale or other exchange of public shares under Section 302 of the Code.

Whether a redemption of public shares qualifies for sale treatment will depend largely on the total number of shares of our stock treated as held by the redeemed public stockholder before and after the redemption relative to all of our shares outstanding both before and after the redemption. The redemption of public shares by a public stockholder will generally be treated as a sale of public shares (rather than as a corporate distribution) if the redemption (i) is "substantially disproportionate" with respect to such stockholder, (ii) results in a "complete termination" of such stockholder's interest in Chardan or (iii) is "not essentially equivalent to a dividend" with respect to such stockholder.

In determining whether any of the foregoing tests result in a redemption qualifying for sale treatment, a public stockholder should take into account not only stock actually owned by such stockholder, but also stock that is treated as constructively owned by such stockholder. A public stockholder may be treated as constructively owning stock owned by certain related individuals and entities in which such stockholder has an interest or that have an interest in such stockholder, as well as any stock that such stockholder has a right to acquire by exercise of an option, which would generally include public shares that can be acquired upon the exercise of warrants. Moreover, any of our stock that a public stockholder directly or constructively acquires pursuant to the Merger should generally be included in determining the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the redemption.

In order to meet the substantially disproportionate test, the percentage of our outstanding voting stock actually and constructively owned by a public stockholder immediately following the redemption of public shares must, among other requirements, be less than eighty percent (80%) of the percentage of our outstanding voting stock actually or constructively owned by such stockholder immediately before the redemption (taking into account both redemptions by other public stockholders and the public shares to be issued pursuant to the Merger). There will be a complete termination of such stockholder's interest if either (i) all of the shares of Chardan common stock actually and constructively owned by such stockholder are redeemed or (ii) all of the shares of Chardan common stock actually owned by such stockholder are redeemed and such stockholder is eligible to waive, and effectively waives in accordance with specific rules, the attribution of our stock owned by certain family members and such stockholder does not constructively own any other Chardan common stock. The redemption of public shares will not be essentially equivalent to a dividend if the redemption results in a "meaningful reduction" of the public stockholder's proportionate interest in Chardan. Whether the

redemption results in a meaningful reduction in a public stockholder's proportionate interest in Chardan will depend on such stockholder's particular facts and circumstances. The IRS has indicated in a published ruling that even a small reduction in the proportionate interest in a publicly held corporation held by a small minority stockholder that exercises no control over corporate affairs may constitute such a "meaningful reduction."

If none of the foregoing tests is satisfied, then the redemption of public shares will generally be treated as a distribution to the redeeming public stockholder with the consequences to U.S. Holders as described below under "*— U.S. Holders — Taxation of Redemptions Treated as Distributions*," and the consequences to Non-U.S. Holders as described below under "*— Non-U.S. Holders — Taxation of Redemptions Treated as Distributions*."

U.S. Holders

Taxation of Redemptions Treated as Sales

If the redemption of a U.S. Holder's public shares qualifies as a sale of such stock, the U.S. Holder will generally recognize gain or loss on the redemption in an amount equal to the difference between its amount realized and its adjusted tax basis in the public shares surrendered in the redemption. A U.S. Holder's amount realized is the sum of the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property received in the redemption. A U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the public shares surrendered in the redemption will generally equal its acquisition cost. Gain or loss recognized on the redemption will generally be capital gain or loss and will generally be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder's holding period for the redeemed shares of public shares exceeds one year at the time of the redemption. It is unclear, however, whether a U.S. Holder's redemption rights with respect to its public shares suspends the running of the U.S. Holder's holding period for this purpose. Long-term capital gains recognized by non-corporate U.S. Holders will generally be subject to tax at preferential rates. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Taxation of Redemptions Treated as Distributions

If the redemption of a U.S. Holder's public shares does not qualify as a sale of such stock, the U.S. Holder will generally be treated as receiving a distribution with respect to its public shares in an amount equal to its redemption proceeds. Any such amount will be treated as a dividend to the extent it is paid out of Chardan's current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Any such amount in excess of Chardan's current and accumulated earnings and profits will generally be applied against and reduce (but not below zero) the U.S. Holder's tax basis in its public shares. Any remaining excess will be treated as gain realized on the sale or other disposition of the public shares with the consequences described above under "*— Taxation of Redemptions Treated as Sales*." A U.S. Holder's remaining tax basis (if any) with respect to public shares surrendered in the redemption will generally be added to such holder's adjusted tax basis in its remaining public shares, or, if it has none, to such holder's adjusted tax basis in its warrants or, possibly, to the basis of such holder's constructively-owned public shares.

Dividends received by corporate U.S. Holders will generally qualify for the dividends received deduction if the requisite holding period is satisfied. With certain exceptions (including, but not limited to, dividends treated as investment income for purposes of investment interest deduction limitations), and provided certain holding period requirements are met, dividends received by non-corporate U.S. Holders will generally constitute "qualified dividends" that are subject to tax at preferential long-term capital gains rates. It is unclear, however, whether a U.S. Holder's redemption rights with respect to its public shares suspend the running of the applicable holding period for purposes of the dividends received deduction or the preferential tax rate on qualified dividend income.

Non-U.S. Holders

Taxation of Redemptions Treated as Sales

If the redemption of a Non-U.S. Holder's public shares qualifies as a sale of such stock, gain realized by the Non-U.S. Holder on the redemption will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income tax unless:

- The gain is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. Holder in the United States), in which case the gain will generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis at the graduated U.S. federal income tax rates generally applicable to United States persons and, in the case of a Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation, may also be subject to a branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate as specified by an applicable income tax treaty) after application of certain adjustments;
- The Non-U.S. Holder is a nonresident alien individual present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year of the redemption and certain other requirements are met, in which case the gain will generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate as specified by an applicable income tax treaty) and may be offset by U.S. source capital losses if certain requirements are satisfied; or
- We are or have been a "U.S. real property holding corporation" for U.S. federal income tax purposes at any time during the shorter of the five-year period ending on the date of the redemption or the period during which the Non-U.S. Holder held public shares (and, if the public shares are treated as regularly traded on an established securities market for purposes of these rules, the Non-U.S. Holder has owned directly, indirectly or constructively more than five percent (5%) of the public shares during such period), in which case the gain will generally be subject to tax on a net income basis at the U.S. federal income tax rates generally applicable to United States persons.

Chardan believes that it is not, and has not at any time since its formation been, a U.S. real property holding corporation, and Chardan does not expect to be a U.S. real property holding corporation immediately after the Merger is completed. However, this determination is factual in nature and subject to change, and no assurance can be provided regarding the status of Chardan as a U.S. real property holding corporation currently, following the Merger or at any future time.

The applicable withholding agent may not be able to determine the proper characterization of a redemption of a Non-U.S. Holder's public shares. Accordingly, it is possible that the withholding agent will treat the redemption of a Non-U.S. Holder's public shares as a distribution subject to withholding tax as described below under "*Taxation of Redemptions Treated as Distributions.*" In addition, unless the public shares are regularly traded on an established securities market, the applicable withholding agent may be required to withhold U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 15% of the amount realized by a Non-U.S. Holder on a redemption of public shares that qualifies as a sale. There can be no assurance that the public shares will be treated as regularly traded on an established securities market.

Taxation of Redemptions Treated as Distributions

If the redemption of a Non-U.S. Holder's public shares does not qualify as a sale of such stock, the Non-U.S. Holder will generally be treated as receiving a distribution with respect to its public shares in an amount equal to its redemption proceeds. Any such amount will be treated as a dividend to the extent it is paid out of Chardan's current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Any such dividend will generally be subject to U.S. withholding tax at a rate of 30% unless the Non-U.S. Holder timely provides certification of its eligibility for a reduced rate under an applicable income tax treaty (usually on an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E) or furnishes a valid IRS Form W-8ECI certifying that the dividend is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States. Any redemption proceeds in excess of Chardan's current and accumulated earnings and profits will generally be applied against and reduce (but not below zero) the Non-U.S. Holder's tax basis in its public shares. Any remaining excess will be treated as gain realized on the sale or other disposition of the public shares with the consequences described above under "*Taxation of Redemptions Treated as Sales.*" A Non-U.S. Holder's remaining tax basis (if any) with respect to public shares surrendered in the redemption will generally be added to such holder's adjusted tax basis in its remaining public shares, or, if it has none, to such holder's adjusted tax basis in its warrants or, possibly, to the basis of such holder's constructively-owned public shares, if any.

A dividend that is effectively connected with a Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States will generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis at the U.S. federal

income tax rates generally applicable to United States persons. A Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation also may be subject to a branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate as specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on such effectively connected dividends, as adjusted for certain items. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding any applicable tax treaties that may provide for different rules.

Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of the foregoing rules in light of their particular circumstances and the procedures for claiming treaty benefits or otherwise establishing an exemption from U.S. withholding tax with respect to any redemption proceeds payable to them.

FATCA Withholding Taxes

Under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act and the regulations and administrative guidance promulgated thereunder (“FATCA”), withholding at a rate of thirty percent (30%) will generally be required on dividends (including constructive dividends received pursuant to a redemption of stock) in respect of securities (including public shares) that are held by or through certain “foreign financial institutions” (which is broadly defined for this purpose and in general includes investment vehicles) and certain other non-U.S. entities unless various U.S. information reporting and due diligence requirements (generally relating to ownership by U.S. persons of interests in or accounts with those entities) have been satisfied, or an exemption applies (typically certified as to by the delivery of a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E). Foreign financial institutions located in jurisdictions that have an intergovernmental agreement with the United States governing FATCA may be subject to different rules. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the effects of FATCA on their investment in public shares.

OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO CHARDAN

Introduction

Chardan was incorporated on June 23, 2020, for the purpose of effecting a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization or other similar business combination with one or more businesses or entities. Chardan's efforts to identify a prospective target business were not limited to any particular industry or geographic region. Prior to executing the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan's efforts were limited to organizational activities, completion of the Chardan IPO and the evaluation of possible initial business combinations.

Initial Public Offering and Simultaneous Private Placement

On August 13, 2021, Chardan consummated its initial public offering of 11,000,000 units, with each unit consisting of one share of Chardan common stock and three-quarters of one warrant to purchase one share of Chardan common stock. On August 18, 2021, the underwriters fully exercised their over-allotment option and Chardan sold an additional 1,650,000 units. At \$10.00 per unit, the units from the Chardan IPO and exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option generated total gross proceeds of \$126,500,000. Simultaneously with the consummation of the Chardan IPO, Chardan consummated the private placement of 4,361,456 warrants at a price of \$0.93 per warrant, generating total proceeds of \$4,052,000. Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, Chardan consummated the sale of an additional 266,402 private warrants at a purchase price of \$0.93 per private warrant in a private placement to Holdings, generating gross proceeds of \$247,500. Transaction costs amounted to approximately \$1,080,141 consisting of \$500,000 of underwriting fees and \$580,141 of other offering costs.

Following the consummation of the Chardan IPO, \$128,397,500 was deposited into a U.S.-based trust account with Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company acting as trustee. Except as described in the prospectus for the Chardan IPO, these proceeds will not be released until the earlier of the completion of an initial business combination and Chardan's redemption of 100% of the outstanding public shares upon its failure to consummate a business combination within the completion window.

Lock-Up of Founder Shares

The Founder Shares were also placed into an escrow account maintained by Continental acting as escrow agent. 50% of the Founder Shares may not be transferred, assigned, sold or released from escrow until the earlier of (i) six months after the date of the consummation of the Business Combination or (ii) the date on which the closing price of shares of Chardan common stock equals or exceeds \$12.50 per share (as adjusted for stock splits, stock dividends, reorganizations and recapitalizations) for any 10 trading days within any 30-trading day period commencing after our initial business combination. The remaining 50% of the Founder Shares may not be transferred, assigned, sold or released from escrow until six months after the date of the consummation of the Business Combination or earlier, in either case, if, subsequent to the Business Combination, Chardan consummates a subsequent liquidation, merger, stock exchange or other similar transaction that results in all of Chardan's stockholders having the right to exchange their shares of common stock for cash, securities or other property.

Fair Market Value of Target Business

The target business or businesses that Chardan acquires must collectively have a fair market value equal to at least 80% of the balance of the funds in the trust account (net of taxes payable) at the time of the execution of a definitive agreement for its initial business combination, although Chardan may acquire a target business whose fair market value significantly exceeds 80% of the trust account balance. The Chardan Board determined that this test was met in connection with the proposed business combination with Dragonfly as described in the section titled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Background of the Business Combination*" and "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Summary of Chardan Financial Analysis.*"

Stockholder Approval of Business Combination

Under Chardan's current certificate of incorporation, in connection with any proposed business combination, Chardan must seek stockholder approval of an initial business combination at a meeting called for such purpose at which public stockholders may seek to redeem their public shares for cash, regardless of whether they vote for or against the proposed business combination, subject to the limitations described in the prospectus for Chardan's Initial Public Offering. Accordingly, in connection with the Business Combination with Dragonfly, the Chardan public stockholders may seek to redeem their public shares for cash in accordance with the procedures set forth in this proxy statement.

Voting Restrictions in Connection with Stockholder Meeting

In connection with any vote for a proposed business combination, including the vote with respect to the Business Combination Proposal, the Sponsor and the Insiders have agreed to vote the Founder Shares as well as any shares of common stock acquired in the market in favor of such proposed business combination.

At any time prior to the special meeting, during a period when they are not then aware of any material nonpublic information regarding Chardan or its securities, the Sponsor, Dragonfly and/or their respective affiliates may purchase shares from institutional and other investors who vote, or indicate an intention to vote, against the Business Combination Proposal, or execute agreements to purchase such shares from them in the future, or they may enter into transactions with such persons and others to provide them with incentives to acquire shares of Chardan common stock or vote their shares in favor of the Business Combination Proposal. The purpose of such share purchases and other transactions would be to increase the likelihood of satisfaction of the requirements that the business combination be approved where it appears that such requirements would otherwise not be met. All shares repurchased by Chardan's affiliates pursuant to such arrangements would be voted in favor of the proposed business combination.

Liquidation if No Business Combination

If we do not complete a business combination by August 13, 2022 (unless this deadline is extended to February 13, 2023 pursuant to Chardan's covenant to extend such deadline under the Business Combination Agreement and pursuant to the Chardan Organizational Documents), we will (i) cease all operations except for the purpose of winding up, (ii) as promptly as reasonably possible but not more than ten business days thereafter, redeem 100% of the outstanding public shares and (iii) as promptly as reasonably possible following such redemption, subject to the approval of our remaining stockholders and our board of directors, dissolve and liquidate, subject (in the case of (ii) and (iii) above) to our obligations under Delaware law to provide for claims of creditors and the requirements of other applicable law. Pursuant to the Investment Management Trust Agreement, the only way to extend the time available for us to consummate our initial business combination is for the Insiders or their affiliates or designees, upon five days' advance notice prior to the applicable deadline, to deposit into the trust account \$1,000,000, or \$1,150,000 if the over-allotment option is exercised in full (\$0.10 per share in either case, or an aggregate of \$2,000,000, or \$2,300,000 if the over-allotment option is exercised in full), on or prior to the date of the applicable deadline. Public stockholders will not be offered the opportunity to vote on or redeem their shares in connection with any such extension. In the event that the Insiders elected to extend the time to complete a business combination and deposited the applicable amount of money into trust, the Insiders would receive a non-interest bearing, unsecured promissory note equal to the amount of any such deposit that will not be repaid in the event that we are unable to close a business combination unless there are funds available outside the trust account to do so. In the event that we receive notice from our insiders five days prior to the applicable deadline of their intent to effect an extension, we intend to issue a press release announcing such intention at least three days prior to the applicable deadline. In addition, we intend to issue a press release the day after the applicable deadline announcing whether or not the funds had been timely deposited. The Insiders and their affiliates or designees are not obligated to fund the trust account to extend the time for us to complete our initial business combination. To the extent that some, but not all, of the Insiders, decide to extend the period of time to consummate our initial business combination, such insiders (or their affiliates or designees) may deposit the entire amount required. If we are unable to consummate our initial business combination within such time period, we will, as promptly as possible but not more than 10 business days thereafter, redeem 100% of our outstanding public shares for a pro rata portion of the funds held in the trust account, including a pro rata portion of any interest earned on

the funds held in the trust account and not previously released to us to pay our taxes, and then seek to dissolve and liquidate. However, we may not be able to distribute such amounts as a result of claims of creditors which may take priority over the claims of our public stockholders. There will be no redemption rights or liquidating distributions with respect to our warrants, which will expire worthless if we fail to complete our initial business combination within the allotted time period.

Our sponsor, officers and directors have entered into a letter agreement with us, pursuant to which they have waived their rights to liquidating distributions from the trust account with respect to any Founder Shares held by them if we fail to complete our initial business combination within 12 months (or up to 18 months, as applicable) from August 13, 2022. However, if our sponsor, officers or directors acquire public shares, they will be entitled to liquidating distributions from the trust account with respect to such public shares if we fail to complete our initial business combination within the allotted time period.

Our sponsor, officers and directors have agreed, pursuant to a written agreement with us, that they will not propose any amendment to our amended and restated certificate of incorporation (i) to modify the substance or timing of our obligation to allow redemption in connection with our initial business combination or to redeem 100% of our public shares if we do not complete our initial business combination within 12 months (or up to 18 months, as applicable) from August 13, 2022 or (ii) with respect to any other provision relating to stockholders' rights or pre-initial business combination activity, unless we provide our public stockholders with the opportunity to redeem their shares of common stock upon approval of any such amendment at a per-share price, payable in cash, equal to the aggregate amount then on deposit in the trust account including interest earned on the funds held in the trust account and not previously released to us to pay our taxes divided by the number of then outstanding public shares. However, we may only redeem our public shares so long as our net tangible assets are at least \$5,000,001 either immediately prior to or upon consummation of our initial business combination and after payment of underwriters' fees and commissions (so that we are not subject to the SEC's "penny stock" rules). If this optional redemption right is exercised with respect to an excessive number of public shares such that we cannot satisfy the net tangible asset requirement (described above), we would not proceed with the amendment or the related redemption of our public shares at such time.

Under the DGCL, stockholders may be held liable for claims by third parties against a corporation to the extent of distributions received by them in a dissolution. The pro rata portion of our trust account distributed to our public stockholders upon the redemption of 100% of our outstanding public shares in the event we do not complete our initial business combination within the required time period may be considered a liquidation distribution under Delaware law. If the corporation complies with certain procedures set forth in Section 280 of the DGCL intended to ensure that it makes reasonable provision for all claims against it, including a 60-day notice period during which any third-party claims can be brought against the corporation, a 90-day period during which the corporation may reject any claims brought, and an additional 150-day waiting period before any redemptions are made to stockholders, any liability of stockholders with respect to a redemption is limited to the lesser of such stockholder's pro rata share of the claim or the amount distributed to the stockholder, and any liability of the stockholder would be barred after the third anniversary of the dissolution.

Furthermore, if the pro rata portion of our trust account distributed to our public stockholders upon the redemption of 100% of our public shares in the event we do not complete our initial business combination within the required time period is not considered a liquidation distribution under Delaware law and such redemption distribution is deemed to be unlawful, then pursuant to Section 174 of the DGCL, the statute of limitations for claims of creditors could then be six years after the unlawful redemption distribution, instead of three years, as in the case of a liquidation distribution. It is our intention to redeem our public shares as soon as reasonably possible after August 13, 2022, or as extended by the Insiders up to two times by an additional three months each time (to February 13, 2023 for a total of up to 18 months to complete a business combination), but not more than five business days thereafter, and, therefore, we do not intend to comply with the above procedures. As such, our stockholders could potentially be liable for any claims to the extent of distributions received by them (but no more) and any liability of our stockholders may extend well beyond the third anniversary of such date.

Because we will not be complying with Section 280 of the DGCL, Section 281(b) of the DGCL requires us to adopt a plan, based on facts known to us at such time that will provide for our payment of all existing and pending claims or claims that may be potentially brought against us within the subsequent ten years.

However, because we are a blank check company, rather than an operating company, and our operations will be limited to seeking to complete an initial business combination, the only likely claims to arise would be from our vendors (such as lawyers, investment bankers, etc.) or prospective target businesses.

We will seek to have all third parties (including any vendors or other entities we engage) and any prospective target businesses enter into valid and enforceable agreements with us waiving any right, title, interest or claim of any kind they may have in or to any monies held in the trust account.

As a result, the claims that could be made against us will be limited, thereby lessening the likelihood that any claim would result in any liability extending to the trust. We therefore believe that any necessary provision for creditors will be reduced and should not have a significant impact on our ability to distribute the funds in the trust account to our public stockholders. Nevertheless, there is no guarantee that vendors, service providers and prospective target businesses will execute such agreements. In the event that a potential contracted party was to refuse to execute such a waiver, we will execute an agreement with that entity only if our management first determines that we would be unable to obtain, on a reasonable basis, substantially similar services or opportunities from another entity willing to execute such a waiver. Examples of instances where we may engage a third party that refused to execute a waiver would be the engagement of a third party consultant who cannot sign such an agreement due to regulatory restrictions, such as our independent public registered accounting firm, who are unable to sign due to independence requirements, or whose particular expertise or skills are believed by management to be superior to those of other consultants that would agree to execute a waiver or a situation in which management does not believe it would be able to find a provider of required services willing to provide the waiver. There is also no guarantee that, even if they execute such agreements with us, they will not seek recourse against the trust account. The holders of our Founder Shares have agreed that they will be jointly and severally liable to us if and to the extent any claims by a vendor for services rendered or products sold to us, or a prospective target business with which we have discussed entering into a transaction agreement, reduce the amount of funds in the trust account to below \$10.15 per public share, except as to any claims by a third party who executed a valid and enforceable agreement with us waiving any right, title, interest or claim of any kind they may have in or to any monies held in the trust account. Our board of directors has evaluated the Insiders' financial net worth and believes they will be able to satisfy any indemnification obligations that may arise. However, the Insiders may not be able to satisfy their indemnification obligations, as we have not required the Insiders to retain any assets to provide for their indemnification obligations, nor have we taken any further steps to ensure that they will be able to satisfy any indemnification obligations that arise. Moreover, the Insiders will not be liable to our public stockholders and instead will only have liability to us. As a result, if we liquidate, the per-share distribution from the trust account could be less than approximately \$10.15 due to claims or potential claims of creditors. We will distribute to all of our public stockholders, in proportion to their respective equity interests, an aggregate sum equal to the amount then held in the trust account, inclusive of any interest not previously released to us, (subject to our obligations under Delaware law to provide for claims of creditors as described below).

If we are unable to consummate an initial business combination and are forced to redeem 100% of our outstanding public shares for a portion of the funds held in the trust account, we anticipate notifying the trustee of the trust account to begin liquidating such assets promptly after such date and anticipate it will take no more than five business days to effectuate the redemption of our public shares. The Insiders have waived their rights to participate in any redemption with respect to their Founder Shares. We will pay the costs of any subsequent liquidation from our remaining assets outside of the trust account. If such funds are insufficient, the Insiders have agreed to pay the funds necessary to complete such liquidation (currently anticipated to be no more than approximately \$15,000) and have agreed not to seek repayment of such expenses. Each holder of public shares will receive a full pro rata portion of the amount then in the trust account, plus any pro rata interest earned on the funds held in the trust account and not previously released to us or necessary to pay our taxes. The proceeds deposited in the trust account could, however, become subject to claims of our creditors that are in preference to the claims of public stockholders.

Our public stockholders shall be entitled to receive funds from the trust account only in the event of our failure to complete our initial business combination in the required time period or if the stockholders seek to have us redeem their respective shares of common stock upon a business combination which is actually completed by us. In no other circumstances shall a stockholder have any right or interest of any kind to or in the trust account.

If we are forced to file a bankruptcy case or an involuntary bankruptcy case is filed against us which is not dismissed, the proceeds held in the trust account could be subject to applicable bankruptcy law, and may be included in our bankruptcy estate and subject to the claims of third parties with priority over the claims of our stockholders. To the extent any bankruptcy claims deplete the trust account, the per share redemption or redemption amount received by public stockholders may be less than \$10.15.

If, after we distribute the proceeds in the trust account to our public stockholders, we file a bankruptcy petition or an involuntary bankruptcy petition is filed against us that is not dismissed, any distributions received by stockholders could be viewed under applicable debtor/creditor and/or bankruptcy laws as either a “preferential transfer” or a “fraudulent conveyance.” As a result, a bankruptcy court could seek to recover all amounts received by our stockholders. In addition, our board of directors may be viewed as having breached its fiduciary duty to our creditors and/or having acted in bad faith, thereby exposing itself and us to claims of punitive damages, by paying public stockholders from the trust account prior to addressing the claims of creditors. Claims may be brought against us for these reasons.

Facilities

Chardan currently maintains its executive offices at 17 State Street, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10004. The Sponsor is making this space available to Chardan free of charge. Chardan considers its current office space adequate for its current operations.

Upon consummation of the Business Combination, the principal executive offices of Chardan will be those of Dragonfly.

Employees

Chardan currently has three executive officers. These individuals are not obligated to devote any specific number of hours to Chardan’s matters but they intend to devote as much of their time as they deem necessary to its affairs until completion of the initial business combination. The amount of time they will devote in any time period will vary based on whether a target business has been selected for our initial business combination and the stage of the business combination process Chardan is in. Chardan does not intend to have any full time employees prior to the consummation of its initial business combination.

Management, Directors and Executive Officers

Chardan’s current directors and executive officers are as follows:

Name	Position
Kerry Propper	Co-Founder and Director (Chairman)
Jonas Grossman	Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer, President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director
Alex Weil	Chief Financial Officer and Director
Jonathan Biele	Director
Perry Boyle	Director
Roderick Hardamon	Director
Jory Des Jardins	Director
Hitesh Thakrar	Director
Todd Thomson	Director

Kerry Propper, 47, is our co-founder and has served as chairman of our board of directors since August 2021. Mr. Propper is a co-founder of Chardan and served as its chief executive officer and head of its investment bank from 2003 to 2015. He is a pioneer in the special purpose acquisition marketplace and has been an executive or senior advisor for six SPACs. Since 2015 Mr. Propper has been the chairman of Chardan’s board of directors and the co-founder and managing partner of ATW Partners, a growth-focused investment firm. Mr. Propper also sits on the board of 340Basics, Credit Sesame, PierianDx, and China Networks. Mr. Propper dedicates much of his time to philanthropy and is a founding member of Nadia’s Initiative. He

also serves on the board of trustees of the International Crisis Group and sits on the executive boards of Keep A Child Alive, Voices of Rwanda and Yazda. Mr. Propper earned his B.A. in Economics and International Studies from Colby College. We believe Mr. Propper is qualified to serve on our board of directors because of his extensive industry and transaction expertise and wide network of relationships with industry participants.

Jonas Grossman, 48, is our co-founder and has been our Chief Executive Officer and a member of our board of directors since June 2020 and our President, Secretary, and Treasurer since July 2020. He is also a member of our audit committee. Since July 2020, Mr. Grossman has served as Chief Executive Officer and director of Chardan NexTech 1. Mr. Grossman was the Chief Executive Officer and President of Chardan Healthcare Acquisition 2 Corp., a SPAC, from April 2020 until its merger with Renovacor, Inc. (NYSE: RCOR) in September 2021. He is currently a director of Renovacor Inc. He was the Chief Executive Officer and President of Chardan Healthcare Acquisition Corp. from March 2018 until its merger in October 2019 with BiomX (NYSE: PHGE). Mr. Grossman is currently a director of BiomX. He was a co-founder and director for LifeSci Acquisition Corp., a SPAC from March 2020 until its merger with Vincer Pharma, Inc. (NASDAQ: VINC) in December of 2020. Since December 2020, Mr. Grossman has served as a director of Ventoux CCM. Since May 2021, Mr. Grossman has served as a director of CleanTech. Since September 2021, he has served as a director of Monterey Bio. He has served as Managing Partner and Head of Capital Markets for Chardan, a New York headquartered broker/dealer, since December 2003, and has additionally served as president of Chardan since September 2015. Since 2003, Mr. Grossman has overseen the Chardan's investment banking and capital markets activities and initiatives. He has extensive transactional experience having led or managed more than 500 transactions during his tenure at Chardan. Under Mr. Grossman's leadership, Chardan has become one of the most notable underwriters, advisors, and sponsors of SPACs, having been involved in 115 SPAC IPO transactions raising over \$14.6 billion, serving as advisor to 29 SPAC transactions totaling over \$11.4 billion in transaction value, and having sponsored or co-sponsored 14 SPAC transactions. Since December 2006, Mr. Grossman has served as a founding partner for Cornix Advisors, LLC, a New York based hedge fund. From 2001 until 2003, Mr. Grossman worked at Ramius Capital Group, LLC, a global multi-strategy hedge fund where he served as Vice President and Head Trader. Mr. Grossman served as a director for Ideanomics, Inc. (formerly China Broadband, Inc.) (NASDAQ: IDEX) from January 2008 until November 2010. He holds a B.A. in Economics from Cornell University and an M.B.A. from NYU's Stern School of Business. Mr. Grossman has served on the board of directors for UNICEF since December 2016. We believe Mr. Grossman is qualified to serve on our board of directors because of his long-running capital markets experience as well as his previous company board positions.

Alex Weil, 50, has served as our Chief Financial Officer since April 2021 and a member of our board of directors since August 2021. Mr. Weil has served as chief financial officer of Chardan NexTech 1 since March 2021, and as a member of the board of directors since April 2021. Mr. Weil has served as managing director and co-head of fintech investment banking at Chardan, a New York headquartered broker/dealer, since March 2020 and as a director of Ventoux CCM since December 2020. From January 2018 to March 2020, he served as managing director and head of insurtech investment banking at SenaHill Securities, LLC, a New York headquartered broker/dealer. From January 2013 to September 2017, Mr. Weil was a director at PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc., a network of firms providing assurance, advisory and tax services. Prior to 2012, Mr. Weil held positions as a director at Lazard Middle Market, LLC, an executive director at UBS Securities LLC and a director at Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Mr. Weil holds a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Colorado, Boulder. We believe Mr. Weil is qualified to serve on our board of directors extensive capital markets and transaction management experience and network of relationships.

Jonathan C. "Jon" Biele, 52, has served as an independent member of our board of directors since August 2021. He is also a member of our compensation committee. In March 2022, Mr. Biele joined AB Bernstein a FINRA-regulated broker dealer as Global Head of Equity Capital Markets. In November 2020, Mr. Biele joined PREEM Inc., a vertical technology platform, as head of business and corporate development after a 28-year career in investment banking serving in a variety of leadership roles. Previously, Mr. Biele served as head of technology and services investment banking after rejuvenating the equity capital markets practice at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, where he worked from July 2013 to February 2020. During his career, Mr. Biele focused on providing capital markets, strategic and tactical advice to companies, boards of directors, private equity and venture capitalists. In addition to his tenure at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Mr. Biele served as head of technology and services investment banking after

rejuvenating the equity capital markets practice at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, where he worked from July 2013 to February 2020. During his career, Mr. Biele focused on providing capital markets, strategic and tactical advice to companies, boards of directors, private equity and venture capitalists. In addition to his tenure at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Mr. Biele served as head of equity capital markets for Citadel Securities from 2010 to 2013, for Cowen and Co. from 2007 to 2010, and for Lazard Freres from 2005 to 2007, in addition to his contribution in a variety of capacities with the equity capital markets departments of Lehman Brothers, ABN Amro Rothschild, and UBS Securities. In these roles Mr. Biele originated and executed numerous public and private equity and debt financings and provided strategic advice. His vast experience in corporate finance and advisory spans across multiple sectors and asset classes both public and private. In addition to his professional activities, Mr. Biele completed a third term as a trustee of Burke Mountain Academy, a premier ski academy in the United States, in 2020 and remains the lead investor and advisor to the chief executive officer of inGamba Tours, a luxury cyclo-tourism business. Mr. Biele earned a B.A. in History in 1992 from St. Lawrence University. We believe that Mr. Biele's vast experience in corporate finance and strategy, in addition to his vast network of relationships, is an extremely valuable contribution to our board of directors.

Perry Boyle, 58, has served as an independent member of our board of directors since August 2021. He is also a member of our audit committee. Mr. Boyle was with Point72 Asset Management, L.P. ("*Point 72*"), and Point 72 affiliates and predecessors from 2004 through his retirement in March 2020. He helped lead Point72's launch as a registered investment advisor, raising over \$6 billion in external capital. He originally joined S.A.C. Capital Advisors in 2004 as the firm's first director of research. In January 2013 he became head of equities and, in January 2015, he became head of discretionary investing at Point72. From June 2016 through December 2017 he served as the president and chief investment officer of Stamford Harbor Capital, L.P., a company owned by businessman Steven A. Cohen. He returned to Point72 in January 2018. In his various leadership roles at the firm, Mr. Boyle managed the long/short and macro portfolios. He created and led the firm's professional development programs, including P72 Academy and the LaunchPoint Program, and helped drive the internationalization of the Point72, overseeing offices in London, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Singapore. Prior to joining S.A.C., Mr. Boyle was a founding partner of Thomas Weisel Partners from 2000 until 2004, and a managing director at Alex. Brown & Sons from 1992-2000. He began his career as an investment banker with Salomon Brothers Inc. Mr. Boyle is a member of the advisory board of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), and a director of The US Friends of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS). He has agreed to serve on the board of directors of Chardan NexTech 1 upon the effectiveness of its registration statement. He was a 2018 and 2019 delegate from the IISS to the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore. He is a council member of the Hoover Institution and a Lionel Curtis member of Chatham House. Mr. Boyle currently serves as the Chairman of the BOMA Project, a poverty graduation program for women, youth, and displaced persons in sub-Saharan Africa. He is also the President of the Affordable Housing Coalition of Ketchum, an advocacy organization for workforce housing in Ketchum, Idaho. He received his B.A. in Economics from Stanford University, his M.B.A. from Dartmouth College and a M.A. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He has lectured on investing at Brown, Yale, Dartmouth, Columbia, Tufts, Harvard, Cambridge and the University of North Carolina, and delivered testimony to Congress on financial regulation. We believe Mr. Boyle is qualified to serve on our board of directors because of industry leadership and capital markets experience from research to fundraising.

Roderick Hardamon, 45, has served as an independent member of our board of directors since August 2021. He is a member of and chairs our audit committee. Mr. Hardamon has served as chief executive officer of URGE Imprint LLC, a boutique management consulting firm headquartered in Detroit, Michigan, and URGE Development Group, a real estate development firm headquartered in Detroit, Michigan, since May 2016. From July 1998 to March 2016, Mr. Hardamon held various positions at Citigroup, a leading global bank, finally serving as managing director and North American head of Citigroup's alternative investor services business. From March 2016 to April 2016, Mr. Hardamon briefly served as a managing director at SS&C Technologies, a global provider of services and software for the financial services and healthcare industries. Mr. Hardamon graduated from Morehouse College with B.A.s in accounting and Philosophy in 1998. We believe Mr. Hardamon is qualified to serve on our board of directors because of his extensive experience in business innovation, mergers and acquisitions, and senior executive leadership.

Jory Des Jardins, 49, has served as an independent member of our board of directors since August 2021. She also is a member of and chairs our compensation committee. Ms. Des Jardins is the chief marketing

officer of Countable, a community software as a service platform and serves as an advisor to The @ Company, where she previously served as chief marketing officer, as well as to AboveBoard, DigitalCultureWorks and The Juggl. She has also served as VC-in-Residence at the W Fund since July 2020. Ms. Des Jardins served as the head of global startup marketing at Amazon Web Services from July 2019 to May 2020. Before her time at Amazon Web Services, she served as the global head of community at ConsenSys from June 2018 to July 2019. Ms. Des Jardins served as consumer digital partner at Tribal Advisors from 2016 to 2018. In 2005, she co-founded BlogHer and served as the company's president until its acquisition in November 2015, and she served as senior Vice President of global strategic alliances for her acquiring company, SheKnowsMedia from 2014 to 2016. Ms. Des Jardins graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1993 where she studied history, literature, and psychology. We believe that Ms. Des Jardins is qualified to serve on our board of directors given her exposure to dozens of scaling startups as well as her experience with disruptive technology.

Hitesh Thakrar, has served as an independent member of our board of directors since August 2021. Mr. Thakrar is an experienced investor in the technology sector, having spent over 20 years investing in public equities in the life sciences, information technology and innovation sectors. Since 2015, he has been active in early-stage venture investing. Mr. Thakrar is currently a Venture Partner at Syncona Limited, a Wellcome Trust backed venture fund in life sciences, a position he has held since February 2016. Since December 2018, he has also served as a Governance Board Member of KQ Labs at the Francis Crick Institute, the United Kingdom's national medical research institute. Since August 2020, he has been the main Board Trustee of the Alan Turing Institute which is the UK National Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Data Science research. He is the Chair of the Remuneration Committee and sits on the Audit and Risk Committee. Additionally, since November 2016, Mr. Thakrar has been the Chair of the Investment Committee for Newable Ventures, a pre-Series A fund focused on deep technology. He has also served as an advisor to UKRI's Science and Technology Funding Council ("*SFTC*"), which helps early stage companies spin out from UK universities, since July 2020. He has previously served as a non-executive director for Desktop Genetics and Tropic Biosciences since 2015 and 2017 respectively, both of which specialize in the use of CRISPR technology in gene editing. Previously, Mr. Thakrar held the position of Portfolio Manager, Global Innovation Fund with the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority ("*ADIA*"), from 2009 until 2015. He has worked at several other public market institutions in global equity research and fund management including JP Morgan, Aviva Group, Dresdner Bank and New Star Asset Management. He has previously held the position of Innovation Fellow at the University of Cambridge, joined as a Trustee of the Royal National Orthopedic Hospital Charity in July 2020 and is a member of the Grants Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee. In January 2021, Mr. Thakrar was appointed Chair of the South London Health Innovation Network, a U.K. NHS-funded body to drive health innovation in the region. Mr. Thakrar has a degree in chemistry from Kings College, London, an MBA from Cranfield University and a CFA from the American Association of Investment Analysts. We believe Mr. Thakrar is qualified to serve as a member of our board of directors given his decades of technology investing and public company expertise.

Todd Thomson, 61, has served as an independent member of our board of directors since August 2021. He is also a member of our compensation committee. Mr. Thomson is currently the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Kairos Ventures, an early-stage investment firm. He is an accomplished operating executive and entrepreneur, having served as Citigroup Chief Financial Officer for five years and as Chief Executive Officer of Citigroup's nearly \$10 billion global wealth management division for more than two years. Mr. Thomson is a leading practitioner on mergers and acquisitions and business strategy, having led the acquisition and strategy efforts for Citigroup and GE Capital, as well as serving as advisor to Fortune 500 firms while at Bain & Co., Booz Allen Hamilton, and Barents Group. He has extensive investing experience as Chief Executive Officer of Citigroup Alternative Investments, Chairman of the Citigroup Pension Investment Committee, Chairman of the Dynasty Investment Committee, and a member of the investment committees for the Davidson College and World Resources Institute endowments. Prior to joining Kairos Ventures, Mr. Thomson served as Co-founder and Chairman of Dynasty Financial Partners ("*Dynasty*"), a leading investment and technology platform for sophisticated independent advisors. Founded by Mr. Thomson and his colleagues in 2010, Dynasty serves nearly 50 registered investment advisor firms nationally, with over \$60 billion under management. In addition to serving as Chairman, Todd served in several operating roles since Dynasty's founding, including chairing the investment committee, serving as Chief Investment Officer, and designing and leading Dynasty Capital Strategies. Mr. Thomson has also agreed to serve on the board of Chardan NexTech 1, upon the effectiveness of its registration statement. We believe

Mr. Thomson is qualified to serve on our board of directors because of his experience in public company corporate finance and early-stage investing.

Director Independence

So long as we obtain and maintain a listing for our securities on Nasdaq, a majority of our board of directors generally must be independent, subject to certain limited exceptions and phase-in period set forth under the rules of Nasdaq. An “independent director” is defined generally as a person other than an officer or employee of the company or its subsidiaries or any other individual having a relationship which in the opinion of the company’s board of directors, would interfere with the director’s exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. Our board of directors has determined that each of Messrs. Biele, Boyle, Hardamon, Thakrar and Thomson and Ms. Jardins, is an “independent director” as defined in the Nasdaq listing standards and applicable SEC rules. We expect a majority of our board of directors to be comprised of independent directors within 12 months from the date of listing to comply with the majority independent board requirement in Rule 5605(b) of the Nasdaq listing rules. Our independent directors will have regularly scheduled meetings at which only independent directors are present.

Meetings of the Board of Directors

The Chardan Board met two times in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

Audit Committee

The audit committee of the board of directors consists of Messrs. Hardamon, Boyle and Grossman. Messrs. Hardamon and Boyle are each an independent director under the Nasdaq corporate governance standards. Mr. Hardamon is the Chairperson of the audit committee. The audit committee met three times in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. The audit committee’s duties, which are specified in our Audit Committee Charter, include, but are not limited to:

- the appointment, compensation, retention, replacement, and oversight of the work of the independent registered public accounting firm engaged by us;
- pre-approving all audit and permitted non-audit services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm engaged by us, and establishing pre-approval policies and procedures;
- setting clear hiring policies for employees or former employees of the independent registered public accounting firm, including but not limited to, as required by applicable laws and regulations;
- setting clear policies for audit partner rotation in compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- obtaining and reviewing a report, at least annually, from the independent registered public accounting firm describing (i) the independent registered public accounting firm’s internal quality-control procedures, (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the audit firm, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities within the preceding five years respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the firm and any steps taken to deal with such issues and (iii) all relationships between the independent registered public accounting firm and us to assess the independent registered public accounting firm’s independence;
- reviewing and approving any related party transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC prior to us entering into such transaction; and
- reviewing with management, the independent registered public accounting firm, and our legal advisors, as appropriate, any legal, regulatory or compliance matters, including any correspondence with regulators or government agencies and any employee complaints or published reports that raise material issues regarding our financial statements or accounting policies and any significant changes in accounting standards or rules promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the SEC or other regulatory authorities.

Financial Experts on Audit Committee

Pursuant to Nasdaq corporate governance standards, the audit committee will at all times be composed exclusively of “independent directors” who are able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including a company’s balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement.

In addition, we must certify to the Nasdaq that the committee has, and will continue to have, at least one member who has past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting, or other comparable experience or background that results in the individual’s financial sophistication. The board of directors has determined that Mr. Hardamon qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert,” as defined under rules and regulations of the Nasdaq and the SEC.

Compensation Committee

Our compensation committee of the board of directors consists of Ms. Jardins, Mr. Biele and Mr. Thomson, each of whom is an independent director under the Nasdaq corporate governance standards. Ms. Jardins is the Chairperson of the compensation committee. The compensation committee did not meet in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. The compensation committee’s duties, which are specified in our Compensation Committee Charter, include, but are not limited to:

- reviewing and approving on an annual basis the corporate goals and objectives relevant to our Chief Executive Officer’s compensation, if any is paid by us, evaluating our Chief Executive Officer’s performance in light of such goals and objectives and determining and approving the remuneration (if any) of our Chief Executive Officer based on such evaluation;
- reviewing and approving on an annual basis the compensation, if any is paid by us, of all of our other officers;
- reviewing on an annual basis our executive compensation policies and plans;
- implementing and administering our incentive compensation equity-based remuneration plans;
- assisting management in complying with our proxy statement and annual report disclosure requirements;
- approving all special perquisites, special cash payments and other special compensation and benefit arrangements for our officers and employees;
- if required, producing a report on executive compensation to be included in our annual proxy statement; and
- reviewing, evaluating and recommending changes, if appropriate, to the remuneration for directors.

The compensation committee may, in its sole discretion, retain or obtain the advice of a compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser and will be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of any such adviser. However, before engaging or receiving advice from a compensation consultant, external legal counsel or any other adviser, the compensation committee will consider the independence of each such adviser, including the factors required by Nasdaq and the SEC.

Director Nominations

We do not have a standing nominating committee, although we intend to form a corporate governance and nominating committee as and when required to do so by law or Nasdaq rules. In accordance with Rule 5605 of the Nasdaq rules, a majority of the independent directors may recommend a director nominee for selection by the board of directors. The board of directors believes that the independent directors can satisfactorily carry out the responsibility of properly selecting or approving director nominees without the formation of a standing nominating committee. All of our independent directors will participate in the consideration and recommendation of director nominees. In accordance with Rule 5605 of the Nasdaq rules, each of Messrs. Biele, Boyle, Hardamon, Thakrar and Thomson and Ms. Jardins is independent. As there is no standing nominating committee, we do not have a nominating committee charter in place.

The board of directors will also consider director candidates recommended for nomination by our stockholders during such times as they are seeking proposed nominees to stand for election at the next annual meeting of stockholders (or, if applicable, a special meeting of stockholders). Our stockholders that wish to nominate a director for election to our board of directors should follow the procedures set forth in our bylaws. However, prior to our initial business combination, holders of our public shares will not have the right to recommend director candidates for nomination to our board of directors.

We have not formally established any specific, minimum qualifications that must be met or skills that are necessary for directors to possess. In general, in identifying and evaluating nominees for director, the board of directors considers educational background, diversity of professional experience, knowledge of our business, integrity, professional reputation, independence, wisdom, and the ability to represent the best interests of our stockholders.

Code of Ethics

We have adopted a Code of Ethics applicable to our directors, officers and employees. We have filed a copy of our Code of Ethics and our audit and compensation committee charters as exhibits to our Registration Statement. You may review these documents by accessing our public filings at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. In addition, a copy of the Code of Ethics will be provided without charge upon request from us. We intend to disclose any amendments to or waivers of certain provisions of our Code of Ethics in a Current Report on Form 8-K.

Legal Proceedings

We may be subject to legal proceedings, investigations and claims incidental to the conduct of our business from time to time. There is no material litigation, arbitration or governmental proceeding currently pending against us or any of our officers or directors in their capacity as such, and we and our officers and directors have not been subject to any such proceeding in the 12 months preceding the date of this registration statement.

Periodic Reporting and Audited Financial Statements

We have registered the offer and sale of our units, shares of common stock and warrants under the Exchange Act and have reporting obligations, including the requirement that we file annual, quarterly and current reports with the SEC. In accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act, our annual report contained financial statements audited and reported on by our independent registered public accountants.

We will provide audited financial statements of Dragonfly as part of any proxy solicitation sent to stockholders to assist them in assessing Dragonfly's business. In all likelihood, the financial information included in the proxy solicitation materials will need to be prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP or IFRS, depending on the circumstances, and the historical financial statements may be required to be audited in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. The financial statements may also be required to be prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP for the Form 8-K announcing the closing of an initial business combination, which would need to be filed within four business days thereafter. We cannot assure you that Dragonfly will have the necessary financial information. To the extent that this requirement cannot be met, we may not be able to acquire Dragonfly.

We will be required to comply with the internal control requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act beginning with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. Dragonfly may not be in compliance with the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act regarding adequacy of their internal controls. The development of the internal controls of Dragonfly to achieve compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act may increase the time and costs necessary to complete any such acquisition.

We are an "emerging growth company," as defined in Section 2(a) of the Securities Act, as amended, or the Securities Act, as modified by the JOBS Act. As such, we are eligible to take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not "emerging growth companies" including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements

of holding a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. If some investors find our securities less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for our securities and the prices of our securities may be more volatile.

In addition, Section 107 of the JOBS Act also provides that an “emerging growth company” can take advantage of the extended transition period provided in Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act for complying with new or revised accounting standards. In other words, an “emerging growth company” can delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We intend to take advantage of the benefits of this extended transition period.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earlier of (1) the last day of the fiscal year (a) following August 13, 2026, (b) in which we have total annual gross revenue of at least \$1.07 billion, or (c) in which we are deemed to be a large accelerated filer, which means the market value of our Class A common stock that is held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the prior year’s second quarter, and (2) the date on which we have issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities during the prior three-year period. References herein to “emerging growth company” shall have the meaning associated with it in the JOBS Act.

Additionally, we are a “smaller reporting company” as defined in Item 10(f)(1) of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC. Smaller reporting companies may take advantage of certain reduced disclosure obligations, including, among other things, providing only two years of audited financial statements. We will remain a smaller reporting company until the last day of the fiscal year in which (1) the market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates exceeds \$250 million as of the end of that year’s second fiscal quarter, or (2) our annual revenues exceeded \$100 million during such completed fiscal year and the market value of our common stock held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the end of that year’s second fiscal quarter.

CHARDAN'S MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

We are a blank check company formed under the laws of the State of Delaware on June 23, 2020, for the purpose of effecting a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or other similar business combination with one or more businesses. We intend to effectuate our initial business combination using cash from the proceeds of the Chardan IPO and the sale of the private placement warrants, the proceeds of the sale of our securities in connection with our initial business combination (pursuant to forward purchase agreements or backstop agreements we may enter into following the consummation of the Chardan IPO or otherwise), shares issued to the owners of the target, debt issued to bank or other lenders or the owners of the target, or a combination of the foregoing.

We expect to continue to incur significant costs in the pursuit of our acquisition plans. We cannot assure you that our plans to complete an initial business combination will be successful.

Financial information included in this section are as of September 30, 2021 and for the year ended December 31, 2020 as in our December 31, 2021 Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 29, 2022.

Recent Developments

In August 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2020-06, Debt—Debt with Conversion and Other Options (Subtopic 470-20) and Derivatives and Hedging—Contracts in Entity’s Own Equity (Subtopic 815-40) (“ASU 2020-06”) to simplify accounting for certain financial instruments. ASU 2020-06 eliminates the current models that require separation of beneficial conversion and cash conversion features from convertible instruments and simplifies the derivative scope exception guidance pertaining to equity classification of contracts in an entity’s own equity. The new standard also introduces additional disclosures for convertible debt and freestanding instruments that are indexed to and settled in an entity’s own equity. ASU 2020-06 amends the diluted earnings per share guidance, including the requirement to use the if-converted method for all convertible instruments. ASU 2020-06 is effective January 1, 2022 and should be applied on a full or modified retrospective basis, with early adoption permitted beginning on January 1, 2021. We are currently assessing the impact, if any, that ASU 2020-06 would have on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Our management does not believe that any other recently issued, but not yet effective, accounting standards, if currently adopted, would have a material effect on the accompanying condensed financial statements.

Results of Operations

We have neither engaged in any operations nor generated any operating revenues to date. Our only activities for the year ended December 31, 2021 and for the period from June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020 were organizational activities, those necessary to prepare for the Chardan IPO, described below, and, after the Chardan IPO, activities related to identifying a target company for a business combination. We do not expect to generate any operating revenues until after the completion of our initial business combination. We generate non-operating income in the form of interest income on cash and cash equivalents held after the Chardan IPO. We incur expenses as a result of being a public company (for legal, financial reporting, accounting and auditing compliance), as well as for due diligence expenses.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, we had net income of \$1,910,487, which resulted from a gain on change in the fair value of warrant liabilities of \$3,517,172, and a net gain on investments held in Trust Account in the amount of \$23,715, which was partially offset by warrant issuance costs of \$18,797 associated with the Chardan IPO, operating and formation costs of \$292,074, loss on sale of private warrants of \$1,253,928, and franchise tax expense of \$65,600.

For the period from June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020, we had a net loss of \$1,000, which resulted entirely from operating and formation costs.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, we had \$799,808 and \$25,000 in cash held outside of the Trust Account, respectively, and a working capital surplus of \$998,187 and \$24,000, respectively.

Our liquidity needs prior to the consummation of the Chardan IPO were satisfied through the proceeds of \$25,000 from the sale of the Founder Shares, and a loan of up to \$250,000 under an unsecured and non-interest bearing promissory note. Subsequent to the consummation of the Chardan IPO, our liquidity will be satisfied through the net proceeds from the private placement held outside of the Trust Account.

In addition, in order to finance transaction costs in connection with a Business Combination, our Sponsor or an affiliate of the Sponsor, or certain of our officers and directors may, but are not obligated to, loan us funds as may be required. As of December 31, 2021, there were no amounts outstanding under any such loans.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, net cash used in operating activities was \$547,052, which was due to the change in fair value of warrants of \$3,517,171, changes in operating assets and liabilities of \$189,378, and net gain on investments in the Trust Account of \$23,715, partially offset by our net income of \$1,808,887, loss on sale of private warrants of \$1,253,928, and warrant issuance costs of \$18,797.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, net cash used in investing activities was \$128,397,500, which was due to the amount of net proceeds from the Chardan IPO being deposited to the Trust Account.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, net cash provided by financing activities was \$129,719,360, which was comprised of \$126,000,000 in proceeds from the issuance of units in the Chardan IPO net of underwriter's discount paid, \$4,303,907.94 in proceeds from the issuance of private warrants, and proceeds from issuance of the promissory note with the Sponsor of \$155,000, offset in part by payment of \$580,140 for offering costs associated with the Chardan IPO and repayment of the outstanding balance on the promissory note to the Sponsor of \$155,000.

For the period from June 18, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020, there was proceeds of \$25,000 from the sale of Founder Shares to the Sponsor.

On August 13, 2021, we consummated the Chardan IPO of 11,000,000 units, at \$10.00 per unit, generating gross proceeds of \$110,000,000. Each unit consisted of one public share and three-quarters of one public warrant. Each public warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per whole share.

Simultaneously with the closing of the Chardan IPO, Chardan NexTech 2 Warrant Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and an affiliate of the Sponsor ("*Holdings*"), purchased an aggregate of 4,361,456 private placement warrants at a price of \$0.93 per warrant (\$4,052,000 in the aggregate). Each private warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share.

On August 18, 2021, the underwriters fully exercised the over-allotment option and, purchased an additional 1,650,000 units at a purchase price of \$10.00 per unit, generating gross proceeds of \$16,500,000.

Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the over-allotment option, we consummated the sale of 266,402 private warrants at a purchase price of \$0.93 per private warrant in a private placement to Holdings, generating gross proceeds of \$247,500.

A portion of the proceeds from the private warrants was added to the proceeds from the Chardan IPO to be held in the trust account. If we do not complete our initial business combination by August 13, 2022 (or February 13, 2023, as applicable), the proceeds of the sale of the private warrants will be used to fund the redemption of the public shares (subject to the requirements of applicable law) and the private warrants and all underlying securities will be worthless. There will be no redemption rights or liquidating distributions from the trust account with respect to the private warrants.

We intend to use substantially all of the net proceeds from the Chardan IPO, including the funds held in the trust account, to acquire a target business or businesses and to pay our expenses relating thereto. To the extent that our share capital is used in whole or in part as consideration to effect our initial business

combination, the remaining proceeds held in the trust account as well as any other net proceeds not expended will be used as working capital to finance the operations of the target business. Such working capital funds could be used in a variety of ways including continuing or expanding the target business' operations, for strategic acquisitions and for marketing, research and development of existing or new products. Such funds could also be used to repay any operating expenses or finders' fees that we incur prior to the completion of our initial business combination, if the funds available to us outside of the trust account were insufficient to cover such expenses.

We do not believe we will need to raise additional funds following our Chardan IPO to meet the expenditures required for operating our business. However, if our estimates of the costs of identifying a target business, undertaking in-depth due diligence and negotiating an initial business combination are less than the actual amount necessary to do so, we may have insufficient funds available to operate our business prior to our initial business combination. Moreover, we may need to obtain additional financing either to consummate our initial business combination or because we become obligated to redeem a significant number of our public shares upon completion of our initial business combination, in which case we may issue additional securities or incur debt in connection with such business combination.

Off-Balance Sheet Financing Arrangements

We did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements as of December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

Contractual Obligations

As of December 31, 2021, we did not have any long-term debt, capital or operating lease obligations. We entered into an administrative services agreement pursuant to which we will pay our Sponsor for office space and secretarial and administrative services provided to members of our management team, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per month.

Registration and Stockholder Rights Agreement

The holders of the Founder Shares and private warrants (and any shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of the private warrants) are entitled to registration rights pursuant to a registration rights agreement dated as of August 10, 2021, by and between Chardan, the Sponsor, Holdings, and the other parties thereto. The holders of a majority of these securities are entitled to make up to two demands that Chardan register such securities. The holders of the majority of the Founder Shares can elect to exercise these registration rights at any time commencing three months prior to the date on which these shares of common stock are to be released from escrow. The holders of a majority of the private warrants (and underlying securities) can elect to exercise these registration rights at any time after Chardan consummates a business combination. In addition, the holders have certain "piggy-back" registration rights with respect to Registration Statements filed subsequent to the consummation of a business combination. Chardan will bear the expenses incurred in connection with the filing of any such Registration Statements.

Underwriting Agreement

We granted the underwriters a 45-day option to purchase up to 1,650,000 additional units to cover over-allotments at the Chardan IPO price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions. On August 18, 2021, the underwriters fully exercised the over-allotment option to purchase an additional 1,650,000 units at an offering price of \$10.00 per unit for an aggregate purchase price of \$16,500,000. In addition, the underwriters were paid a cash underwriting discount of \$500,000 upon the closing of the Chardan IPO.

Business Combination Marketing Agreement

We have engaged Chardan Capital Markets as an advisor in connection with the Business Combination to assist us in holding meetings with the stockholders to discuss the potential Business Combination and the target business' attributes, introduce us to potential investors that are interested in purchasing our securities, assist us in obtaining stockholder approval for the Business Combination and assist us with press releases and public filings in connection with the Business Combination. We will pay Chardan Capital Markets a cash fee for such services upon the consummation of the initial Business Combination in an amount equal to, in the

aggregate, \$4,427,500, being 3.5% of the gross proceeds of the Chardan IPO. As a result, Chardan Capital Markets will not be entitled to such fee unless we consummate the initial Business Combination. Mr. Grossman is the Chief Executive Officer of, and Mr. Weil is Managing Director and Co-Head of Fintech Investment Banking of, Chardan Capital Markets, an affiliate of the Sponsor. Mr. Grossman, Mr. Weil and Mr. Proper are also members of the board of directors of Chardan Capital Markets.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements and related disclosures in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and income and expenses during the periods reported. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates. We have identified the following critical accounting policies:

Warrant Liabilities

We account for warrants as either equity-classified or liability-classified instruments based on an assessment of the warrant's specific terms and applicable authoritative guidance in ASC 480 and ASC 815, Derivatives and Hedging ("ASC 815"). The assessment considers whether the warrants are freestanding financial instruments pursuant to ASC 480, meet the definition of a liability pursuant to ASC 480, and whether the warrants meet all of the requirements for equity classification under ASC 815, including whether the warrants are indexed to the our own common stock, among other conditions for equity classification. This assessment, which requires the use of professional judgment, is conducted at the time of warrant issuance and as of each subsequent quarterly period end date while the warrants are outstanding.

For issued or modified warrants that meet all of the criteria for equity classification, the warrants are required to be recorded as a component of additional paid-in capital at the time of issuance. For issued or modified warrants that do not meet all the criteria for equity classification, the warrants are required to be recorded at their initial fair value on the date of issuance, and each balance sheet date thereafter. Changes in the estimated fair value of the warrants will be recognized as a non-cash gain or loss on the statements of operations.

We account for the Private Warrants issued concurrently in connection with the Chardan IPO in accordance with ASC 815-40, under which the private warrants will not meet the criteria for equity classification and must be recorded as liabilities. As the private warrants meet the definition of a derivative as contemplated in ASC 815, the private warrants will be measured at fair value at inception and at each reporting date in accordance with ASC 820, Fair Value Measurement ("ASC 820"), with changes in fair value recognized in the statements of operations in the period of change.

The public warrants are not precluded from equity classification, and are accounted for as such on the date of issuance, and each balance sheet date thereafter.

Common Stock Subject to Possible Redemption

We account for our common stock subject to possible redemption in accordance with the guidance in ASC Topic 480 "Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity." Common stock subject to mandatory redemption (if any) is classified as liability instruments and is measured at fair value. Conditionally redeemable common stock (including common stock that feature redemption rights that is either within the control of the holder or subject to redemption upon occurrence of uncertain events not solely within our control) is classified as temporary equity. At all other times, common stock is classified as stockholders' equity. Our common stock feature certain redemption rights that is considered to be outside of our control and subject to the occurrence of uncertain future events. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2021, 12,650,000 shares of common stock subject to possible redemption is presented as temporary equity, outside of the stockholders' equity section of our balance sheet. Effective with the closing of the Chardan IPO, we recognized the accretion from the initial book value to redemption amount, which resulted in charges against additional paid-in capital (to the extent available) and accumulated deficit.

We recognize changes in redemption value immediately as they occur and adjusts the carrying value of redeemable common stock to equal the redemption value at the end of each reporting period. Increases or

decreases in the carrying amount of redeemable common stock are affected by charges against additional paid-in capital and accumulated deficit.

Net Income (Loss) Per Share of Common Stock

Net income (loss) per common share is computed by dividing net earnings by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. We have not considered the effect of the warrants sold in the Chardan IPO and private placement to purchase an aggregate of 10,586,519 shares in the calculation of diluted income per share, since the exercise of the warrants are contingent upon the occurrence of future events and the inclusion of such warrants would be anti-dilutive.

Recent Accounting Standards

In August 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2020-06, Debt—Debt with Conversion and Other Options (Subtopic 470-20) and Derivatives and Hedging—Contracts in Entity’s Own Equity (Subtopic 815-40) (“ASU 2020-06”) to simplify accounting for certain financial instruments. ASU 2020-06 eliminates the current models that require separation of beneficial conversion and cash conversion features from convertible instruments and simplifies the derivative scope exception guidance pertaining to equity classification of contracts in an entity’s own equity. The new standard also introduces additional disclosures for convertible debt and freestanding instruments that are indexed to and settled in an entity’s own equity. ASU 2020-06 amends the diluted earnings per share guidance, including the requirement to use the if converted method for all convertible instruments. ASU 2020-06 is effective for us on January 1, 2024 and should be applied on a full or modified retrospective basis, with early adoption permitted beginning on January 1, 2021. We adopted ASU 2020-06 effective January 1, 2021 using the full retrospective method of transition. The adoption of ASU 2020-06 did not have a material impact on the financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

Management does not believe that any other recently issued, but not yet effective, accounting standards, if currently adopted, would have a material effect on our financial statements.

INFORMATION ABOUT DRAGONFLY

The following discussion reflects the business and operations of Dragonfly prior to the Closing. Unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this section to “we,” “us,” or “our” refer to Dragonfly and its subsidiaries prior to the Closing which will be the business and operations of New Dragonfly and its subsidiaries following the Closing.

Overview

Formed in 2012 and based in Reno, Nevada, we are a manufacturer of non-toxic deep cycle lithium-ion batteries that caters to customers in the recreational vehicle (“RV”), marine vessel and off-grid residence industries, with disruptive solid-state cell technology currently under development. We believe that green energy is more than just a trend. Our goal is to develop technology to deliver environmentally impactful solutions for energy storage to everyone globally. We believe that the innovative design of our lithium-ion batteries is ideally suited for the demands of modern customers who rely on consumer electronics, connected devices and smart appliances that require continuous, reliable electricity, regardless of location.

Our deep cycle lithium iron phosphate (“LFP”) batteries provide numerous advantages compared to incumbent products, such as lead-acid batteries. LFP batteries are non-toxic and environmentally friendly, do not rely on scarce or controversial metals and are a highly cost-effective storage solution. LFP batteries use lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO_4) as the cathode material for lithium-ion cells rather than nickel or cobalt. Although the energy density of LFP batteries is lower, they have a longer cycle life and experience a slower rate of capacity loss. LFP is also intrinsically safer due to its thermal and chemical stability, meaning our LFP batteries are less flammable than alternative products. As we develop our proprietary solid-state cell technology, we believe our use of LFP will continue to provide significant advantages over the lithium-ion technology in development by other companies, which still incorporate less stable components in their chemistries (such as sulfide glasses, which are chemically unstable and form hydrogen sulfide when exposed to air).

We have a dual-brand strategy, Dragonfly Energy (“*Dragonfly Energy*”) and Battle Born Batteries (“*Battle Born*”). Battle Born branded products are primarily sold direct to consumers, while the Dragonfly Energy brand is primarily sold to original equipment manufacturers (“OEMs”). However, with the growing popularity and brand recognition of Battle Born, these batteries have become increasingly popular with our OEM customers. Based on the extensive research and optimization undertaken by our team, we have developed a line of products with features including a proprietary battery management system and an internal battery heating feature for cold temperatures, and we expect to launch our unique battery communication system during the first half of 2023. We currently source the LFP cells incorporated into our batteries from a limited number of carefully selected suppliers that can meet our demanding quality standards and with whom we have developed long-term relationships.

We began as an aftermarket-focused business initially targeting direct-to-consumer sales in the RV market. Since 2018, we have sold over 155,000 batteries. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021, we sold 51,434 and 74,652 batteries, respectively, corresponding to \$47.2 million and \$78.0 million in sales, respectively. Over time, we have increased total sales through a combination of: increasing direct-to-consumer sales of batteries for RV applications; expanding into the marine vessels and off-grid storage markets with related direct-to-consumer sales; selling batteries to RV OEMs; increasing sales to distributors; and reselling accessories for battery systems. Our RV OEM customers currently include Keystone, who has agreed to fulfill certain of its LFP battery requirements exclusively through us for at least one year (with potential annual renewals), Airstream, Thor, and REV, and we are in ongoing discussions with a number of additional RV OEMS to further increase adoption of our products.

We currently offer a line of batteries across our two brands, each differentiated by size, power and capacity, consisting of eight different models, four of which come with a heated option. The following chart highlights the key features of each of our models:

	10012	5012	5024	GC2	GC3	8D	1250	1275
Power	100Ah / 12V	50Ah / 12V	50Ah / 24V	100Ah / 12V	270Ah / 12V	270Ah / 12V	50Ah / 12V	75Ah / 12V
Release Date	Q1 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Q4 2021	Q4 2021
Heated?	✓			✓	✓	✓		
Standard Drop-In	✓	✓	✓	Patented Unique Design	Patented Unique Design	✓	✓	✓
End Markets	 	 	 	 			 	 

To supplement our battery offerings, we are also a reseller of accessories for battery systems. These include chargers, inverters, monitors, controllers and other system accessories from brands such as Victron Energy, Progressive Dynamics, Magnum Energy and Sterling Power. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021, sales from these accessories were \$7.0 million, and \$14.8 million, respectively.

Our battery packs are designed and assembled in-house in the United States. In April 2021, we opened our new 99,000 square foot facility, allowing us to increase our production capacity and giving us the ability to increase sales to existing customers and penetrate new markets. Our facility provides a streamlined, partially autonomous production process for our current batteries, which comprises module assembly and battery assembly, with the availability to expand the number of lines to handle increased volumes and the additional battery modules we intend to introduce in the near future. We plan to continue to expand our production capacity as needed and estimate that our current production facility will allow for over \$500 million in manufacturing sales capacity once fully utilized.

We currently focus on three main end markets: RVs, marine vessels and off-grid storage and, in the medium- to longer-term, we plan on expanding into several new markets. Within our current markets, our aim is to replace incumbent lead-acid batteries. Our batteries are primarily designed to provide consumers with a long-lasting, highly efficient power source for powering appliances, consumer electronics and other smart devices located inside RVs, marine vessels or off-grid residences and, other than for certain smaller marine vessels, are not intended for propulsion. Our batteries are powertrain agnostic with the ability to operate on internal combustion engine vehicles or electric vehicles.

Our proven sales and marketing strategy has allowed us to penetrate our current end markets efficiently. We use a variety of methods to educate consumers on the benefits of LFP batteries and why they are a better investment compared to the legacy lead-acid batteries currently found in our target end markets today. We also have an extensive social media program, where we partner with content creators in our target markets to share with consumers the benefits of our products. Lastly, we participate in a variety of industry productions, including features on RV podcasts and TV shows, and attend sponsored industry events such as the Bassmaster Classic, RV rallies and boat shows.

In addition to our conventional LFP batteries, our experienced research and development team, headed by our co-founder and CEO, is currently developing the next generation of LFP solid-state cells. Running in parallel with our current business operations, to date we have fully self-funded our solid-state R&D efforts. Since our founding, we have been developing proprietary solid-state cell technology and manufacturing processes for which we have issued patents and pending patent applications, where appropriate. Solid-state lithium-ion technology eliminates the use of a liquid electrolyte, which addresses the residual heat and flammability issues arising from lithium-ion batteries. The unique competitive advantage of our solid-state

battery cell is highlighted by our dry deposition technology, which completely displaces the need for toxic solvents in the manufacturing process and allows for the rapid and scalable production of solid-state cells having an intercalation anode, like graphite or silicon. Other solid-state technology companies are focused on a denser lithium metal anode, which tends to form icicle-like dendrites inside the cell and lacks the cyclability of an intercalation anode. Our design allows for a much safer, more efficient cell that we believe will be a key differentiator in the energy storage market. Additionally, our internal production of solid-state cells will streamline our supply chain, allowing us to vertically integrate our cells into our batteries, thereby lowering our production costs as a result of our proprietary cost-effective manufacturing processes.

As the world transitions towards greater clean energy use and energy storage, we will continue to deliver on our mission of developing innovative technology to make clean energy accessible and affordable for everyone globally. We will continue to focus on our core competencies of providing innovative technology, expanding our brand portfolio and providing affordable, sustainable and accessible energy, all while being designed and manufactured in the United States.

Industry Background

For decades, lead-acid batteries have been the dominant player in power and energy markets worldwide. Since the introduction of the absorbed glass mat (“AGM”) lead-acid battery in the mid-1970s, the technological advancements in lead-acid battery technology have been limited. LFP batteries have numerous advantages over the incumbent lead-acid batteries used in today’s markets:

- ***Environmentally Friendly, Socially Responsible and Safer.*** Lead-acid batteries that are not recycled or disposed of properly are extremely toxic and can cause areas of poisonous groundwater and lead buildups, impacting both humans and the environment. Research by EcoMENA shows that a single lead-acid battery disposed of incorrectly into a municipal solid waste collection system could contaminate 25 tonnes of municipal solid waste and prevent recovery of organic resources due to high lead levels. Lithium-ion batteries, specifically LFP batteries, have no toxic elements and are 100% environmentally friendly. LFP batteries also do not rely on controversial elements such as cobalt as part of their chemistry. Compared to lead-acid batteries, there is no concern of “off-gassing,” or the emission of noxious gases, for lithium-ion batteries, and therefore no need to take into consideration required ventilation or off-gas related fire risk when installing or recharging our LFP batteries.
- ***Longer Lifespan.*** Lithium-ion batteries have longer lifecycles compared to lead-acid batteries. LFP batteries are able to cycle (i.e., discharge and charge) 3,000 to 5,000 times before hitting the 80% capacity mark. Comparatively, lead-acid batteries degrade quickly, only cycling 300-500 times before hitting 50% of their original capacity. Our third-party validated internal research suggests that if a typical AGM lead-acid battery and our LFP battery were cycled once every day, the AGM battery and our LFP battery would have a respective lifespan of 1.98 years and 19.18 years before reaching 80% depth of discharge (i.e., 80% of our battery would have been discharged relative to the overall capacity of the battery in that lifespan). In many storage applications, lithium-ion batteries have a lifespan exceeding the lifetime of the project with very limited maintenance requirements, compared to lead-acid batteries, which have a one- to two-year useful life in most applications.
- ***Power and Performance.*** As new technologies evolve and people consume more electricity, the importance of battery power and performance increases. Compared to lead-acid batteries, lithium-ion batteries can discharge power at a higher voltage and more consistently through the discharge cycle (i.e., until they are 100% discharged) while utilizing a smaller physical space and weighing less. In addition, unlike lead-acid batteries, lithium-ion batteries can be discharged below 50% capacity without causing irreparable harm to the battery. Lithium-ion batteries also provide the same energy capacity with one-fifth the weight of a standard lead-acid battery. Lithium-ion batteries are also significantly more reliable and efficient, especially in cold temperatures, allowing for year-round all-climate usage.
- ***Charging.*** Lead-acid batteries were the first rechargeable batteries on the market. However, due to new advancements in energy density (i.e., the amount of energy stored by mass volume) and charge/discharge rates, lithium-ion batteries now significantly outperform traditional lead-acid batteries. LFP batteries currently charge five times faster than their lead-acid counterparts, with even faster charging rates expected for the next generation of lithium-ion cells. With the appropriate battery management

system, lithium-ion batteries can be charged in cold temperatures, something lead-acid batteries are unable to do, resulting in two to three times more power delivered.

- **Maintenance-Free.** LFP batteries provide the benefit of being a maintenance-free option compared to lead-acid batteries. Unlike lead-acid batteries which have no battery management system to regulate current flow and charging rates, all our LFP battery packs include a proprietary battery management system that regulates current and provides temperature, short circuit and cold charging protection. Our LFP batteries also do not require cleaning or water, eliminating the need for periodic maintenance found in today's lead-acid batteries. While our LFP batteries are generally designed to replace and physically fit into racks made for existing lead-acid batteries, our batteries can be installed in any position and without the need for venting.

End Markets

Current Markets

According to a Frost & Sullivan report commissioned by us ("*Frost & Sullivan*"), the total addressable market ("*TAM*") of our three current end markets is estimated to be approximately \$12 billion by 2025.

- **Recreational Vehicles.** The growth of the RV market is expected to continue to drive demand for LFP storage batteries. According to the RV Industry Association ("*RVIA*"), there are over 11 million RVs on the road in America and 9.6 million households intend to purchase an RV within the next five years. RV interiors are becoming more modern as customers adopt the full-time RV lifestyle, with additional appliances and electronics being installed, increasing the need for reliable power. According to the RVIA, North American RV shipments have had a 10-year compound annual growth rate ("*CAGR*") of 9.05%, with RV shipments estimated to be over 591,000 in 2022. The need for greater power and power storage capabilities to power interiors is driving a shift towards the use of LFP batteries. Incumbent lead-acid batteries are heavy, take up a lot of space, have inefficient power discharge and require ventilation. Our solution addresses all of these problems by allowing for shorter charge times, weighing one-fifth of a standard lead-acid battery, providing a reliable and consistent source of power and being maintenance-free. Our market focus has traditionally been on motorized RVs (i.e., driveable RVs). OEMs have begun to introduce batteries into towable units (i.e., RVs that require another vehicle to drive them), which will create a new potential subsector in the RV market for LFP batteries. According to the RVIA's 2021 RV Market Report, approximately 91% of wholesale RV units shipped in 2021 were towable units, representing a significant opportunity for LFP batteries.
- **Marine Vessels.** As boating becomes more popular in North America, the need for a reliable, non-flammable energy storage system is becoming increasingly apparent. According to the 2020 Recreational Boating Statistics, in 2018 over 84 million Americans participated in some form of boating activity, with a total of over 11.8 million boats on the water as of 2020, of which 93% are power boats. We believe that the marine vessel market will grow to approximately \$8 billion by 2025. Similar to the RV market, customers are becoming more technologically advanced and are adding more electronics to their vessels, in turn driving demand for larger and more reliable energy storage, such as LFP batteries. Tightening marina regulations are also driving the need for electric docking motors on more vessels and increasing the focus on safety, which LFP batteries are well-suited to address.
- **Off-Grid Residences.** Many people are turning to off-grid housing and, as individuals and governments become more conscious of their carbon footprint, a shift towards renewable energy sources for off-grid housing will be increasingly popular. Solar installations continue to see an increase globally, with global PV installations projected to rise from 144 GW (DC) in 2020 to 334 GW (DC) in 2030 according to BloombergNEF. According to the Solar Energy Industries Association ("*SEIA*"), only 11% of solar installations in 2021 were supplemented with a battery system for efficient storing of excess energy generated during daylight hours. However, the number of new behind-the-meter solar systems with supporting battery systems is projected to rise to over 29% by 2025. LFP batteries are able to solve the weakest part of renewable energy adoption, which is the lack of consistent, reliable and efficient energy storage that is safer than alternative energy storage options currently on the market. As this shift towards clean energy becomes more prominent and cost-effective, the LFP battery market will be able to penetrate the largely untapped off-grid markets.

Addressable Markets

Our addressable markets are areas with significant growth potential that we will be positioned to penetrate as customers turn towards LFP and other lithium-ion batteries as replacements for traditional lead-acid batteries. As these medium- and long-term markets mature, we intend to deploy our solid-state technology, once developed, while concurrently continuing to further displace the incumbent lead-acid technology. According to Frost & Sullivan, our TAM is estimated to be \$85 billion by 2025.

- **Industrial / Material Handlings / Work Truck.** The industrial vehicle market includes work trucks, material handling and warehousing equipment and compact construction equipment. As industrial vehicles increase in terms of automation and incorporate more onboard tools, the need for a long-lasting, reliable and environmentally friendly energy source grows. The continuous growth of e-commerce is increasing the demand for warehousing and automated equipment. According to material handling equipment manufacturer Hyster-Yale Materials Handling, in 2021 the global market volume in units for lift trucks was approximately 2.3 million, most of which were powered by traditional lead-acid batteries, presenting a large retrofitting opportunity for LFP batteries.
- **Specialty Vehicles.** According to Mordor Intelligence, as of 2019, approximately 40% of the specialty vehicle market in the United States consists of medical and healthcare vehicles and approximately 30% consists of law enforcement and public safety vehicles. The market for emergency vehicles has grown as the baby boomer generation continues to age, and there has been increased demand for electrified devices and equipment on board these emergency vehicles. Our LFP batteries are well-suited to capture this market as they offer a more reliable power source with longer lifecycles compared to lead-acid batteries. In addition, LFP batteries are safer, lighter and modular, allowing for more tools to be stored on-board emergency vehicles without sacrificing the performance of the battery system.
- **Emergency and Standby Power.** Demand for reliable emergency and standby power sources is expected to continue to drive demand for effective power storage for residential, commercial and industrial uses. Power outages in the United States cost an estimated \$150 billion per year, according to the Department of Energy, increasing the demand for uninterrupted power sources. The need for reliable emergency and standby power exists in both hazardous and non-hazardous environments and is particularly acute in areas where the existing grid service is subject to intermittencies or is otherwise inefficient (including as a result high peak electricity usage, grid and related equipment age or severe weather and other environmental factors). LFP batteries are able to offset grid-related intermittencies and inefficiencies and assist in providing grid stabilization. Importantly, LFP batteries achieve these benefits in a clean, reliable and safe manner by supplanting or reducing the use of fossil fuel backup generators.
- **Telecom.** Demand for mobile data continues to increase and network providers are investing heavily in 5G networks, particularly in unserved and underserved regions, to support this demand. According to the CTIA's 2021 annual survey, there were 417,215 cell sites in the United States in 2020. Batteries provide backup power to these sites when external power is interrupted. While lead-acid batteries are commonly used as backup batteries today, the compact nature of lithium-ion batteries, together with the fact that they are safer and more environmentally friendly, make them ideal alternatives as new wireless sites are built and the older wireless sites require upgrades. LFP batteries are maintenance free and have a longer lifespan, allowing for a more efficient and reliable power source for large wireless sites. The ability to monitor the battery systems remotely enables telecom operators to reduce onsite maintenance checks, thereby reducing overall operational costs while ensuring network uptime.
- **Data Centers.** Data centers have seen strong growth in recent years, with over 2,750 data centers in the United States as of January 2022 according to Statista. Constant technological advancements and larger amounts of data generated and stored by companies for increasingly longer periods of time are driving growth in the importance, and the amount, of physical space dedicated to data centers. As software companies, such as Google and Oracle, continue to develop new technologies, such as artificial intelligence, data centers where the computer and storage functions are co-located also continue to grow. As the industry seeks to cut operating costs, become more efficient and minimize dedicated physical space, we expect there to be a shift towards light, compact lithium-ion batteries that can reduce overall costs and provide a reliable power supply without sacrificing performance. Lithium-ion batteries are designed to operate in environments with higher ambient temperatures than incumbent energy

storage methods (such as lead-acid batteries). This ability for lithium-ion batteries to withstand and operate at higher temperatures can also reduce cooling costs.

- **On-grid Storage.** On-grid energy storage is used on a large-scale platform within an electrical power grid in conjunction with variable renewable energy sources such as solar and wind projects. These storage units (including large-scale stationary batteries) store energy when electricity is plentiful, and discharge energy at peak times when electricity is scarce. Because of the low cost of fossil fuels, the adoption of large-scale batteries has been slow. However, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration 2021 report on battery storage in the United States, lithium-ion battery installations in large-scale storage grew from less than 50 MWh of energy capacity annual additions in 2010 to approximately 400 MWh in 2019. As lithium-ion battery production scales, the related cost of storage for all lithium-ion batteries will decline and the cost of renewable energy (including associated storage costs) is expected to approach \$0.05 per kWh, which is the amount required to be cost competitive with the price of power from the electrical grid. We believe our ability to cost-effectively develop and manufacture LFP solid-state batteries will position renewable energy projects deploying these batteries to reach “grid parity” sooner.

Our Competitive Strengths

We believe that we possess the largest share in the markets we operate in, due to our following business strengths, which distinguish us in this competitive landscape and position us to capitalize on the anticipated continued growth in the energy storage market:

- **Premier Lithium-Ion Battery Technology.** Each of our innovative batteries features custom designed components to enhance power and performance in any application or setting. Our batteries feature LFP chemistry that is environmentally friendly, does not heat up or swell when charging or discharging, and generates more power in less physical space than competing lead-acid batteries. Unlike our competitors, our internal heating technology keeps our batteries within optimal internal conditions without drawing unnecessary energy and sustaining minimal energy drain. To protect our products, our batteries possess a proprietary battery management system that shuts off the ability to charge at 24 degrees Fahrenheit and stops drawing power from the battery at -4 degrees Fahrenheit. This technology increases performance in cold weather conditions while possessing a unique heating solution that does not require an external energy source.
- **Extensive, Growing Patent Portfolio.** We have developed and filed patent applications on commercially relevant aspects of our business including chemical compositions systems and production processes. To date, we have possessed 24 issued patents, with an additional 16 patent applications pending, in the United States, China, Europe, Australia, Canada and other regions.
- **Proven Go-To-Market Strategy.** We have successfully established a direct-to-consumer platform and have developed strong working relationships with major RV OEMs, custom designing products for new and existing applications as evidenced by 16 consecutive quarters of profitability, which we measure by positive EBITDA. We see opportunities to continue to leverage our success in the aftermarket to expand our relationships to other leading OEMs and distributors while further enhancing our direct-to-consumer offerings. Extensive informational videos and exceptional customer service provide sales, technical and hands-on service support to facilitate consumer transition from traditional lead-acid or incumbent lithium-ion batteries to our products.
- **Established Customer Base with Brand Recognition.** We have a growing customer base of approximately 13,500 customers featuring OEMs, distributors, upfitters and end consumers across diverse end markets and applications including RV, marine vessels and off-grid residences. Customer demand and brand recognition of Battle Born batteries from an aftermarket sales perspective have helped drive significant adoption from RV OEMs (with a CAGR of over 180% since 2018) with visibility for future growth through further expansion of our existing relationships.
- **High Quality Manufacturing Process.** Unlike competitors that outsource their manufacturing processes, our batteries are designed, assembled and tested in the United States, ensuring that our manufacturing process is thoroughly tested and our batteries are of the highest quality.

- **Drop-in Replacement.** Our battery modules are largely designed to be “drop-in replacements” for traditional lead-acid batteries, which means that they are designed to fit standard RV or marine vessel configurations without any adjustments. Our target applications are powering devices and appliances in larger vehicles and low speed industrial vehicles. We offer a full line of compatible components and accessories to simplify the replacement process and provide consumers with customer service to ensure a seamless transition to our significantly safer and environmentally friendly battery. Over their lifetime, our batteries are significantly cheaper from both an absolute cost and a cost per energy perspective. These lifetime costs, at current costs and capacity, will naturally drop as we continue to take advantage of economies of scale.

Our Growth Strategy

We intend to leverage our competitive strengths, technology leadership and market share position to pursue our growth strategy through the following:

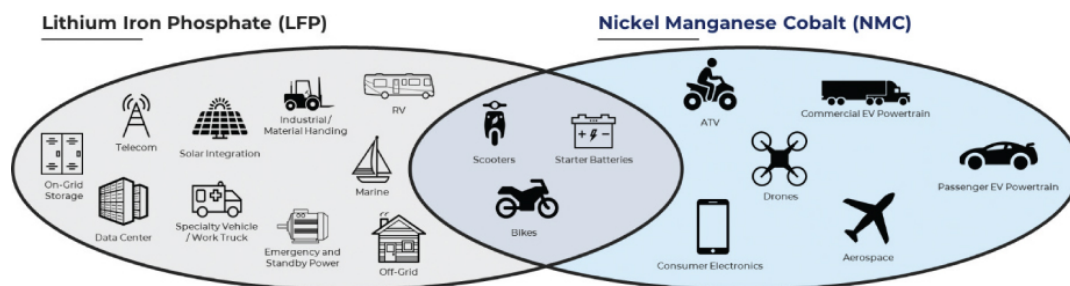
- **Expand Product Offerings.** In the short-term, our aim is to further diversify our product offerings to give consumers, as well as RV OEMs and distributors, more options for additional applications. This will be accelerated by the expansion of our production capacity in our new manufacturing facility. We intend to launch and scale production of additional 12 voltage and 24 voltage batteries and introduce 48 voltage batteries, which we believe will extend our market reach in each of our targeted end markets. We believe the natural evolution of our product offering is to become a system integrator for solar and other energy solutions.
- **Expand End Markets.** We have identified additional end markets that we believe in the medium- to longer-term will increasingly look to alternative energy solutions, such as LFP batteries. Markets, such as standby power, industrial vehicles, specialty vehicles and utility-grade storage, are in the early stages of adoption of lithium-ion batteries (including LFP batteries), and we aim to be at the forefront of this movement by continuing to develop and produce products with these end users in mind.
- **Commercialize Solid-State Technology.** We believe solid-state technology presents a significant advantage to all products currently on the market, with the potential to be lighter, smaller, safer and cheaper. Once we have optimized the chemistry of our LFP solid-state batteries to enhance conductivity and power, we intend to use our first solid-state cells in our Battle Born batteries, after which we will scale up for mass production of separate solid-state batteries for various applications and use cases.

Our Products and Technology

Chemistry Comparison

Lead-acid batteries were the first form of rechargeable battery to be developed and modified across different platforms for a variety of uses, from powering small electronics to use for energy storage in back-up power supplies in cell phone towers. Since the development in the 1970s of AGM lead-acid batteries, a form of sealed lead-acid battery that enables operation in any position, there has been limited innovation in lead-acid battery technology. The push to develop longer-lasting, lower-cost, more environmentally-friendly and faster-charging batteries has led to the development of lithium-ion batteries and, within the lithium-ion battery market, different chemistries.

There are several dominant battery chemistries in the lithium-ion market that can be used for different purposes. Two widely adopted chemistries found in the market today are nickel manganese cobalt (“NMC”), and nickel cobalt aluminum (“NCA”). The higher energy density and shorter cycle life found in NMC and NCA batteries are suitable for markets where fast charging and high energy density are required, such as electric vehicle powertrains and consumer electronics. LFP batteries are best suited for energy storage markets where long life and affordability are paramount, such as RV, marine vessel, off-grid storage, onboard tools, material handling, utility-grade storage, telecom and data center markets.



NMC batteries are highly dependent on two metals that present significant constraints — nickel, which is facing an industry-wide shortage, and cobalt, a large percentage of which comes from conflict-ridden countries. According to an article by McKinsey & Company titled “Lithium and Cobalt: A tale of two commodities”, global forecasts for cobalt show supply shortages arising as early as 2022, slowing down NMC battery growth. Both of these elements are also subject to commodity price fluctuations, making NMC and NCA batteries less cost-effective than LFP batteries. LFP batteries do not contain these elements and materials can be sourced domestically, and are therefore not subject to these shortages, geopolitical concerns or commodity price fluctuations. In fact, LFP batteries have no toxic elements, offering a much safer environmental alternative. The temperature threshold for thermal runaway (i.e., lithium-ion battery overheating that can result in an internal chemical reaction) is roughly 700 degrees Fahrenheit for LFP batteries, compared to 350 degrees Fahrenheit for NMC and NCA batteries, making LFP batteries less flammable and safer.

LFP batteries have a useful life of approximately 10 to 15 years compared to one to two years for lead-acid batteries, and typically charge up to five times faster. LFP batteries are also not constrained by weight (having the same energy capacity at one-fifth of the weight) or temperature (having the ability to generate power even in low temperatures and to not swell or heat up when charging or discharging) and are generally maintenance free.

In the electric vehicle market, the race to provide the highest energy density facilitating frequent, rapid acceleration, greatest range and fastest charging battery — all while competing on cost — is where many new battery companies are prioritizing their efforts. Success in the electric vehicle market requires use of chemistries capable of optimization to these requirements. In our targeted stationary storage markets, the ideal solution requires a safe, long-lasting battery in terms of discharge/charge cycles with a focus on providing a steady power stream. LFP batteries are better suited for the stationary storage market compared to NMC and NCA batteries, as LFP batteries are safer and have a significantly longer life cycle making them more cost-effective. The market for utility grade storage, particularly for clean energy projects, and the related adoption of lithium-ion batteries (including LFP batteries) is expected to increase as the fully-loaded cost of energy (production and storage) approaches cost parity with inexpensive fossil fuel energy provided through the electric grid. Compared to NMC and NCA batteries, LFP batteries are at or much closer to grid parity.

Solid-State Cells

LFP batteries are not without their disadvantages. While less flammable than other chemistries, the existence of a flammable liquid electrolyte still poses safety risks. Like all liquid-based lithium-ion batteries, LFP batteries have a tendency to produce solid lithium dendrites, icicle-like formations which can pierce the physical separators in LFP batteries, which are necessary in LFP batteries to separate the positively charged liquid electrolyte from the negatively charged liquid electrolyte, and which, over time, will degrade the performance of LFP batteries and potentially result in fire-related risks. The next phase in the development of lithium-ion batteries is solid-state cell development, which contains a solid, rather than a liquid, electrolyte, eliminating many of the current disadvantages to LFP batteries while increasing the safety of the battery cells. We believe that the development of our solid-state technology will provide us with a unique competitive advantage.

Compared to current lithium-ion technology, where lithium-ions cross a liquid electrolyte barrier between a battery’s anode (negative electrode) and cathode (positive electrode), solid-state batteries aim to use a solid

electrolyte to regulate the lithium-ions. As a battery charges and discharges, an electrochemical reaction occurs creating a flow of electrical energy between the cathode, electrolyte and anode as the electrodes lose and reacquire electrons. In addition to the use of non-toxic electrode components, the removal of a liquid electrolyte will eliminate the risk of fire, making solid-state cells inherently safe. The move to a non-liquid electrolyte also means that solid-state batteries will be, on average, smaller and lighter than existing lithium-ion batteries. The process for manufacturing our solid-state cells is described below under “— *Research and Development*”.

Our Products

We currently offer non-toxic deep cycle LFP batteries for use in the RV, marine vessel and off-grid storage markets. We believe that the innovative design of our LFP batteries is ideally suited for the demands of modern customers who rely on consumer electronics, connected devices and smart appliances that require continuous, reliable electricity. We also offer chargers and other accessories either individually or as part of bundled packages.

For the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021 we sold 51,434 and 74,652 batteries, respectively, corresponding to \$47.2 million and \$78.0 million in sales, respectively. Net income for the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021 was \$6.9 million and \$4.3 million, respectively, and Adjusted EBITDA was \$9.4 million and \$8.7 million, respectively. For a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to its most directly comparable GAAP measure, information on why we consider Adjusted EBITDA useful and a discussion of the material risks and limitations of this measure, please see the section entitled, “*Dragonfly’s Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Non-GAAP Financial Measures.*”

Our core products are LFP battery modules with a built-in battery management system offered under our two brand names: Dragonfly Energy, which sells only to OEMs, and Battle Born Batteries, which sells direct to consumers and increasingly to OEMs. We currently offer eight LFP battery models across our two brands, each differentiated by size, power and capacity:

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Power	100Ah / 12V	50Ah / 12V	50Ah / 24V	100Ah / 12V	270Ah / 12V	270Ah / 12V	50Ah / 12V	75Ah / 12V
Release Date	Q1 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q3 2017	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Q4 2021	Q4 2021
Heated?	✓			✓	✓	✓		
Standard Drop-In	✓	✓	✓	Patented Unique Design	Patented Unique Design	✓	✓	✓
End Markets	 	 	 	 			 	 

Each battery model is capable of being discharged to a 100% depth of discharge and takes approximately five hours to charge to full capacity, which is five times faster than a traditional lead-acid battery. Each module is designed to last between 3,000 and 5,000 cycles, at which point the battery still holds 75% to 80% of its energy capacity. This equates to approximately 10 to 15 years of use (under typical conditions), which is why each battery comes with an industry-leading 10-year full replacement manufacturers’ defect warranty. Our battery modules are largely designed to be “drop-in replacements” for traditional lead-acid batteries, which means that they are designed to fit standard RV or marine vessel configurations without any adjustments. Our LFP batteries are versatile and designed to be compatible not just with standard chargers, but also with wind and solar power systems, and to be modular, and can be combined in series or in parallel depending on customer needs.

We also offer certain of our battery models as an internally heated battery, which utilizes our proprietary technology to maintain optimal internal settings in cold weather conditions, allowing customers to charge the battery even in low temperatures. The unique heating technology does not require an external energy source and the self-regulating internal heater is only activated when needed, minimizing energy drain and extending the useful life of the battery. Unlike traditional batteries, our batteries are maintenance free and do not require cleaning, adding of water or venting for “off gassing”.

In addition to our core battery products, we offer customers a number of adjacent products and accessories manufactured by third-parties. We offer a range of charging components that are designed for every application: inverter chargers (which allow users to recharge a DC battery bank with AC power and also turn DC battery power into AC power), converter chargers (which allow users to charge from an AC power source) and solar charge controllers (which manage power transfer from solar arrays to battery banks).

We also offer customers a full suite of accessories and components to facilitate the installation of our products. These include plugs, fuses, cables, adapters, sensors and interfaces pictured below.



We offer specially designed bundled packages of battery modules and accessories tailored to specific applications for both RVs, marine vessels and off-grid residences, ranging in price from \$675 to over \$19,000, as shown below.

RV Bundles

Motorized RV	Towable RV	Truck Camper	Van & Overland
- Amp Range: 200 - 800Ah - Volt Range: 12V # of Bundles: 12 	- Amp Range: 200 - 800Ah - Volt Range: 12V # of Bundles: 12 	- Amp Range: 200 - 500Ah - Volt Range: 12V # of Bundles: 6 	- Amp Range: 200 - 600Ah - Volt Range: 12 - 24V # of Bundles: 6 

Marine Bundles

Sailboat	Kayak	Trolling Motor	Off-Grid
- Amp Range: 300 - 800Ah - Volt Range: 12 - 24V # of Bundles: 12 	- Amp Range: 50 - 100Ah - Volt Range: 12V # of Bundles: 2 	- Amp Range: 100Ah - Volt Range: 12 - 36V # of Bundles: 3 	- Amp Range: 200 - 800Ah - Volt Range: 24 - 48V # of Bundles: 12 

With our batteries being designed and assembled exclusively in-house, we are able to guarantee that we deliver high-quality batteries to customers. We test our products to ensure they meet federal and local governmental regulations for both performance and safety. Our testing and compliance with required standards and measurements are validated by a third-party lab, which includes UL Standard 2054, IEC 62133 and the UN 38.3 shipping certification.

Battery Management System

Our proprietary battery management system is designed, developed and tested in-house. It offers a complete solution for monitoring and controlling our complex battery systems and is designed to protect battery cells from damage in various scenarios. We believe our battery management system is industry-leading for a number of reasons:

- it enables batteries to draw power between -4 degrees Fahrenheit and 135 degrees Fahrenheit, and is designed to cut off charging at 24 degrees Fahrenheit to protect cells;
- it actively monitors the rate of change of currents to detect and prevent short circuiting, and also protects against potential ground faults;
- it allows for up to an average of 300 amps continuously, 500 amp surges for 30 seconds, and momentary, half second maximum capacity surges;
- it enables batteries to recharge even if completely drained;
- it utilizes larger resistors to ensure balanced loads to improve performance and extend useful life; and
- it facilitates scalability by enabling batteries to be combined in parallel and in series.

Battery Communication System

We have developed a proprietary battery hub communication system, for which a U.S. non-provisional patent application and an international PCT patent application have been filed, to be used with Dragonfly Energy OEM systems and Battle Born batteries and bundles. This communication system will enable end customers to monitor each battery in real time, providing information on energy input and output and current or voltage imbalances. The communication system will be able to communicate with up to 24 batteries in a bank at one time and aggregate the data received from these batteries into a central system such as a phone or tablet. We expect to begin offering this hub to customers as an adjacent component and in our product bundles during the first half of 2023.

Product Pipeline

Beyond our current battery modules, we have several LFP products in development that will enable us to access additional end markets.

- ***New Products.*** Our current offerings feature battery products that serve the RV, marine vessel and off-grid markets. Although manufacturing operations were previously capacity constrained the expansion into our new manufacturing facility will allow us to add production capacity and increase product offerings and scale based on demand.
 - The majority of our current batteries are 12 voltage batteries, which provide 85 amp hours of power and are an affordable solution to customers utilizing smaller or lower power applications. The smaller stature and drop-in replacement nature of these batteries have made these popular within the RV and marine vessel markets. Through the expansion of our 12 voltage battery product offerings, we will be able to penetrate further into additional applications including towable RVs, truck campers and trolling motors for small boats.
 - We also offer 24 voltage batteries, ranging from 125 to 175 amp hours, and plan to further expand our 24 voltage battery offerings to provide additional drop-in replacements for AGM batteries. A single 24 voltage battery is more efficient than two 12 voltage batteries due to the ability to power directly from the source without sacrificing power through cables and connectors. This attractive power source is ideal for off-grid housing, telecommunication, solar, marine and motorized home markets, providing enhanced power to larger scale applications. A vast majority of telecommunication cell sites utilize 24 voltage batteries, greatly expanding our addressable market.
 - We intend to offer 48 voltage batteries that will range from an anticipated 60 to 85 amp hours. The 48 voltage batteries provide further efficiency gains with higher voltage. These higher voltage batteries are currently more suitable for luxury mobile homes, larger off-grid uses, and high-end

marine applications. We aim to further expand our 48 voltage batteries' end market exposure into other highly attractive industries including standby power for data center and utility grade energy storage.

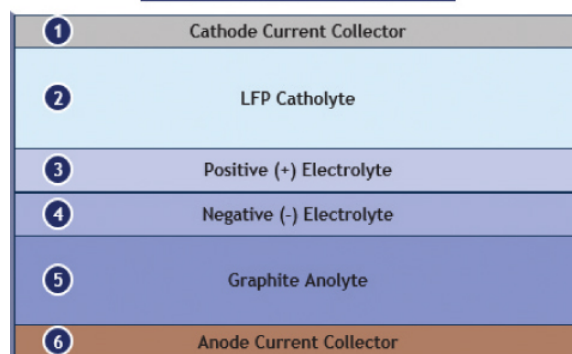
- **System Integrator.** A natural evolution of our business is to offer customers a system integration solution providing more efficient power solutions at a cost-effective price point. We currently offer direct parts, accessories, chargers and bundles to customers under the Battle Born Energy and Battle Born Solar brands to help establish our products as part of new green energy and solar power solutions. We have an in-house expert customer service team that assists customers in fully integrating their applications to our technologies for a seamless transition. Through our evolving technology and the customized architecture and application of our products, we are able to offer customers a seamless transition to creating a centralized coordinated system.

Research and Development

Our research and development is primarily focused on the advanced manufacturing of solid-state lithium-ion batteries using an LFP catholyte, a solid electrolyte and an intercalation-based anolyte (intercalation being the reversible inclusion of a molecule or ion into layered solids). We believe that solid-state batteries present a significant advantage to all products currently on the market, with the potential to be lighter, smaller, safer and cheaper. Since our founding, our research team, led by our co-founder and CEO, has been developing solid-state cell manufacturing technology and we aim to be a fully vertically integrated solid-state battery manufacturer. We have successfully tested and are currently in the process of optimizing the composite materials that comprise the cathode, anode and electrolyte of the all-solid-state battery. In addition, we are the only company to focus on a true solid-state chemistry that conducts lithium with sufficiently high conductivity and cycles lithium phosphate against graphite with positive results, and are in the process of testing more complicated layered electrolyte compositions to maximize our cycling and power results. Our aim is to begin producing solid-state pouch cells from a pilot production line during 2022.

Compared to current lithium-ion technology, where lithium-ions cross a liquid electrolyte barrier between a battery's anode (negative electrode) and cathode (positive electrode), solid-state batteries aim to use a solid electrolyte to regulate the lithium-ions. Our solid-state batteries are designed to be multilayered pouch cells comprised of highly integrated layers of catholyte, electrolyte and anolyte contained within industry standard aluminum foil at the cathode and industry standard copper or nickel foil at the anode, which are then combined into larger battery packs. An illustrative solid state cell is shown below.

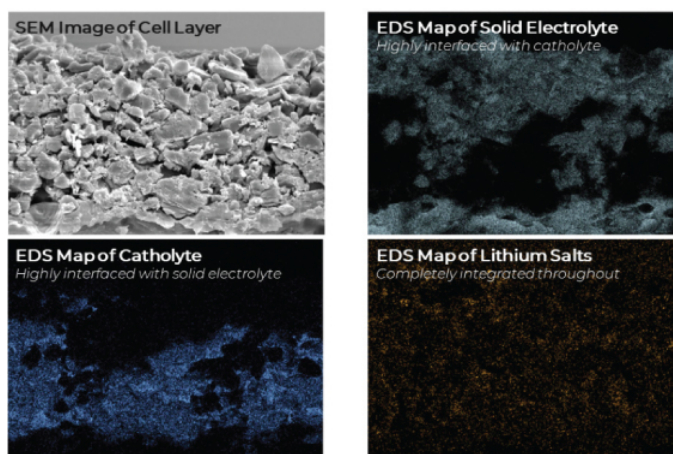
Illustrative Solid State Cell



We have developed proprietary processes, systems and materials that are protected by issued patents and pending patent applications that we believe place us at the forefront of solid-state storage-focused battery technology. Our cells utilize a layered electrolyte design, which increases stability by forming a stable solid electrolyte interface at both electrodes. Rather than requiring a solid-state separator, we have designed a patent-pending spray drying process that encapsulates each grain of cathode (LFP) or anode (graphite) with a solid electrolyte, which completely integrates the solid-state component, creating higher interface density and, therefore, more effective connectivity. In addition, our cathodes and anodes do not require any liquid component, making this truly solid-state. In lieu of lithium metal, our cathode component incorporates an

intercalation material, such as graphite or silicon. This mitigates the risk of forming lithium dendrites, which degrades cell performance and could potentially cause an internal short circuit.

Images Show Cross-Section of Same Cell Layer



The utilization of our innovative, completely dry powder deposition technology in our manufacturing process is expected to result in faster manufacturing times with lower upfront capital costs due to the elimination of expensive dryers and vacuum ovens. We believe this will allow our production process to shift from batch production and convert to continuous production faster than our competitors. Our spray powder coating application is highly automated, allowing us to utilize less space and fix overhead costs while increasing the precision of our products and manufacturing capacity of the facility. Our manufacturing process is modular, allowing us to scale up depending upon demand.

The next stage in our technical development is to construct the battery to optimize performance and longevity to meet and exceed industry standards for our target storage markets. Ongoing testing and optimizing of more complicated batteries incorporating layered pouch cells will assist us in determining the optimal cell chemistry to enhance conductivity and increase the number of cycles (charge and discharge) in the cell lifecycle.

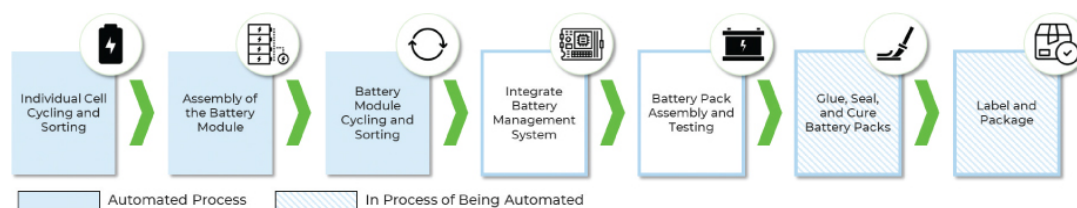
We intend to integrate our initial solid-state cells into Dragonfly Energy and Battle Born batteries exclusively and eventually scale to mass production of separate solid-state cells. We aim to be a vertically integrated LFP solid-state cell manufacturer with our technology incorporated into our own-branded products for sale to our own customers (including our OEM customers) but also other battery manufacturers.

Headquarters, Manufacturing and Production

Our headquarters is located in our 99,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Reno, Nevada. The lease for this building was entered into on March 1, 2021 and expires on April 30, 2026. We do not own any real property.

Our facility provides a streamlined, partially autonomous production process for our current batteries, which comprises module assembly and battery assembly. We currently have two production lines, with the availability to expand the number of lines to handle increased volumes and the additional battery modules we intend to introduce in the near future. We plan to continue to expand our production capacity as needed and estimate that our current production facility will allow for over \$500 million in manufacturing sales capacity once fully utilized.

Our manufacturing process is set out below:



Our manufacturing process is divided into two aspects: (i) module assembly (including assembly of LFP cells) and (ii) battery assembly. We use a combination of trained employees and automated processes to increase production capacity and lower costs while maintaining the same level of quality our customers expect from our products. Module assembly is a significantly automated process, implementing custom-designed equipment and systems to suit our production needs. This includes cycling of individual cells to detect faulty components and to enable sorting by capacity. Our custom-designed automated welders spot weld individual cells that are assembled into specified module jigs based on the desired amp hour. Completed modules are then discharged to empty, recharged to full charge and sorted by capacity. Battery assembly is performed largely by hand by our trained employees, although we continue to look for innovative ways to integrate automation into this process. Our proprietary battery management system is thoroughly tested for quality cutoffs, then mounted onto individual modules, before the modules are bolted into its casing. We aim to automate the battery management system testing and installation process, which we expect could increase production capacity fourfold. We are currently implementing an automated process for the gluing and sealing process, which would incorporate a two-robot system for gluing and epoxying, as well as a glue pallet system to move finished batteries. After the assembled batteries are tested and sealed, they are processed for outbound distribution.

On February 8, 2022, we entered into a 124-month lease for an additional 390,240 square foot warehouse, which, once built, we intend to utilize for the manufacture of our solid-state batteries.

Supplier Relationships

We have a well-established, global supply chain that underlies the sourcing of the components for our products, although we source domestically wherever possible. We aim to maintain approximately six months' worth of all components, other than cells, which we pre-order in advance for the year to ensure adequate supply. For nearly all of our components, other than our battery management system, we ensure that we have alternative suppliers available. Our battery management system is sourced from a single supplier based in China who we have a nearly 10-year relationship with and who manufactures this component exclusively for us based on our proprietary design. Our cells are sourced from two different, carefully selected cell manufacturers in China who are able to meet our demanding quality standards. As a result of our long-standing relationships with these suppliers, we are able to source LFP cells on favorable terms and within reasonable lead-times.

As we look toward the production of our solid-state cells, we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with a lithium mining company located in Nevada for the supply of lithium.

Customers

We currently serve over 13,500 customers in North America. Our existing customers consist of leading OEMs (such as Keystone, Thor, REV and Airstream); distributors (who purchase large quantities of batteries from us and sell to consumers); upfitters (who augment or customize vehicles for specific needs); and retail customers (who purchase from us directly). For the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2021, OEM sales represented 7.4% and 10.6% of our total revenues, which we expect to increase to approximately 37% of our total revenues by 2023. We have recently entered into a long-term supply arrangement with Keystone to be an exclusive LFP battery supplier for certain future RV models, solidifying our long-standing relationship with Keystone. We are in ongoing discussions with a number of RV OEMs to further increase adoption of our products. Related efforts include seeking to have RV OEMs "design in" our batteries as original equipment

and entering into arrangements with members of the various OEM dealer networks to stock our batteries for service and for aftermarket replacement sales.

We have deep, long-standing relationships with many of our customers. We also have a diverse customer base, with our top 10 customers accounting for approximately 18.2% of our revenue for the year ended December 31, 2021. Our customers primarily utilize our products for RVs, marine vessels and off-grid residences. We work directly with OEMs to ensure compatibility with existing designs and also collaborate on custom designs for new applications.

We continue to seek to grow our customer base within our existing segments; however, we also believe that our products are well suited to address the needs in additional segments, including residential, commercial and/or industrial standby power, industrial vehicles (such as forklifts, material handling equipment and compact construction equipment) and specialty vehicles (such as emergency vehicles, utility vehicles and municipal vehicles) and we will seek to expand our market share in these segments in the future.

Sales and Marketing

Our proven sales and marketing strategy has allowed us to penetrate our current end markets efficiently. We use a variety of methods to educate consumers on the benefits of LFP batteries and why they are a better investment compared to the legacy lead-acid batteries found in our target end markets today. Through informational videos found on our website and social media platforms that educate consumers on the benefits of LFP batteries and various “DIY” videos, we assist consumers on what they need for their battery system and how to install and use batteries and accessories.

We utilize a multi-pronged sales and marketing strategy to ensure that the Dragonfly Energy and Battle Born brands are at the forefront of their respective end markets. We have established strong relationships, particularly in the RV industry, through participation in trade shows and other sponsored industry events, which have allowed us to reach both OEMs and retail customers and ensure we are aware of evolving customer preferences. We are then able to leverage this customer feedback to collaborate with major OEMs to custom design products for new and existing applications.

In addition to traditional print and media advertising, we have leveraged the growing influence of social media (such as YouTube, Instagram and Facebook) and professional influencers to increase market awareness of our brands. We work closely with these influencers, as well as with professional anglers, to create a lasting relationship that showcases the performance of our products, rather than one-off promotions. Our products have also been featured in television shows and on podcasts that cater specifically to RV enthusiasts.

We also value our direct relationships with retail customers. Our website and our customer service are key elements to our sales strategy. Our website enables customers to purchase Battle Born products directly and provides access to a range of videos covering product information, technological benefits and installation guides. We have a team of experts dedicated to supporting our customers’ sales, technical and service needs.

Competition

Our key competitors are principally traditional lead-acid battery and lithium-ion battery manufacturers, such as Samsung, CATL and Enovix, in North America. We also compete against smaller LFP companies, who primarily either import their products or manufacture products under a private label. Of these companies, there is no other company that has penetrated our core end markets to the same extent as we have, and we believe that this is in large part due to the technological advantages that our products offer compared to other products in the market. Our batteries are purpose-built to enhance the power and performance in any application or setting. We have specifically designed our battery cases to fit into existing AGM battery racks and cabinets and offer a suite of compatible components and accessories in order to make the replacement process simple enough for customers to do it themselves. We have optimized our technology to produce a lighter, yet higher performing battery with a longer lifespan than incumbent lead-acid batteries. Our propriety battery management system and internal heat technology enables our batteries to outperform not only traditional lead-acid batteries, but other lithium-ion products.

With regard to solid-state technology, we have two main competitors, QuantumScape and Solid Power. While both of these competitors are focused on the development of solid-state technology for use in the

propulsion of electric vehicles, we are focused on power storage applications, which has different requirements. We believe that our proprietary processes, systems and materials provide us with a significant competitive advantage in developing a fully solid-state, non-toxic and highly cost-effective energy solution.

As our solid-state technology comes to fruition and we begin to commercialize this product, we intend to become a vertically integrated battery company, internalizing all aspects of the manufacturing and assembly process. This is comparable to companies such as Tesla, BYD Limited and Li-Cycle. Our solid-state technology will also enable us to further penetrate the energy storage market, and we expect to compete with technology-focused energy storage companies such as EOS Energy, ESS and STEM.

Intellectual Property

The success of our business and our technology leadership is supported by our proprietary battery technology. We have received patents and filed patent applications in the United States and other jurisdictions to provide protection for our technology. We rely upon a combination of patent, trademark and trade secret laws in the United States and other jurisdictions, as well as license agreements and other contractual protections, to establish, maintain and enforce rights in our proprietary technologies. In addition, we seek to protect our intellectual property rights through nondisclosure and invention assignment agreements with our employees and consultants and through non-disclosure agreements with business partners and other third parties.

As of May 10, 2022 we owned 24 issued patents and 16 pending patent applications. The patents and patent applications cover the United States, China, Europe (with individual patents in Germany, France and the United Kingdom), Australia, Canada and other regions. We are constantly updating our patent portfolio to protect our solid-state innovations and breakthroughs. Currently, we have a combination of issued patents and pending patent applications protecting the design of our GC2 and GC3 batteries, the device and method for monitoring battery systems, powdered solid-state electrolyte and electroactive materials, preparation and film deposition of these pre-coated powders and the manufacturing process for the solid-state cell technology which includes the manufacturing of conductive particle films for lithium-ion batteries and the dry powder coating of an electrochemical cell. Our issued patents start expiring on May 30, 2033.

We continually review our development efforts to assess the existence and patentability of new intellectual property. We pursue the registration of our domain names and trademarks and service marks in the United States and other jurisdictions. In an effort to protect our brand, as of May 10, 2022, we own four trademark registrations to cover our house marks in the United States and we have seven pending trademark applications relating to our design logos and slogans in the United States.

Government Regulation and Compliance

We currently operate from a dedicated leased manufacturing facility located in Reno, Nevada and a leased R&D facility in Sparks, Nevada. We have never owned any facility at which we operated. Operations at our facilities are subject to a variety of environmental, health and safety regulations, including those governing the generation, handling, storage, use, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials. To conduct our operations, we have to obtain environmental, health, and safety permits and registrations and prepare plans. We are subject to inspections and possible citations by federal, state, and local environmental, health, and safety regulators. In transit, lithium-ion batteries are subject to rules governing the transportation of “dangerous goods.” We have policies and programs in place to assure compliance with our obligations (for example, machine guarding, hot work, hazardous material management and transportation). We train our employees and conduct audits of our operations to assess our fulfillment of these policies.

We are also subject to laws imposing liability for the cleanup of releases of hazardous substances. Under the law, we can be liable even if we did not cause a release on real property that we lease. We believe we have taken commercially reasonable steps to avoid such liability with respect to our current leased facilities.

Employees and Human Capital Resources

As of March 31, 2022, we have 151 employees; 143 full-time, 7 part-time and 1 seasonal. We have adopted our Code of Ethics to support and protect our culture, and we strive to create a workplace culture in line with

our values: “Tell the Truth,” “Be Fair,” “Keep Your Promises,” “Respect Individuals,” and “Encourage Intellectual Curiosity.” As part of our initiative to retain and develop our talent, we focus on these key areas:

- *Safety* — Employees are regularly educated in safety around their workspaces, and employees participate in volunteer roles on a safety committee, and in emergency readiness roles. We have a dedicated safety coordinator who tracks and measures our performance, and helps us benchmark our safety programs against our peers.
- *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion* — Our culture has benefitted from the diversity of our workforce from the very beginning. Inclusion and equity are “baked into the bricks” of our values, which our employees demonstrate every day. Our human resources department and all our corporate officers and directors have an open door policy, and are able to constructively communicate with employees to resolve issues when they arise.
- *Collaboration* — As we grow, opportunities for cross-functional collaboration are not as organic as they used to be. We have responded to that change by staying mindful and acting intentionally to gather cross-functional input on new initiatives and continuous improvement efforts.
- *Continuous Improvement* — We apply continuous improvement measures to processes as well as people. We encourage professional development of our employees, through ongoing learning, credentialing, and collaboration with their industry peers.

Attracting and retaining high quality talent at every level of our business is crucial to our continuing success. We have developed relationships with the University of Nevada Reno and the Nevada System of Higher Education to further our recruitment reach. We provide competitive compensation and benefits packages, including performance based compensation that rewards individual and organizational achievements.

Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we may become involved in litigation or other legal proceedings. We are not currently a party to any litigation or legal proceedings that, in the opinion of our management, are likely to have a material adverse effect on our business. Regardless of outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources and other factors.

MANAGEMENT OF DRAGONFLY

The following table sets forth certain information regarding Dragonfly's executive officers and directors as of May 15, 2022.

Name	Age	Position(s) Held
Dr. Denis Phares	49	Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board
Sean Nichols	46	Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer
John Marchetti	51	Chief Financial Officer
Nicole Harvey	44	General Counsel, Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary
Luisa Ingargiola	54	Independent Director
Brian Nelson	51	Independent Director

Executive Officers

Dr. Denis Phares has served as Dragonfly's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board since it was incorporated in 2012. From 2005 until 2012 Dr. Phares served as a faculty member of the Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Southern California, where he worked extensively on renewable energy technologies and received tenure in 2010. Dr. Phares holds a M.B.A. from University of Nevada—Reno, a Ph.D. in Engineering from the California Institute of Technology and a B.S. in Physics from Villanova University. Dr. Phares is qualified to serve on the New Dragonfly Board based on his substantial business, leadership, and management experience as the CEO and Chairman of the Board of Dragonfly.

Sean Nichols has served as Dragonfly's Chief Operating Officer since 2013. From 2008 until 2016, Mr. Nichols served as Vice President of Sales and Operations of AIMS Power, Inc., a power inverter company, focusing on off-grid power systems. From 2007 to 2009, Mr. Nichols served as Customer Relationship Manager of Metamation, Inc., a CAD/CAM manufacturing software provider. From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Nichols served as Vice President of Sales of 3rd Time LLC dba The Mobile Team, a mobile phone company. Mr. Nichols holds a M.B.A. and a B.A. in Business from University of Nevada—Reno.

John Marchetti has served as Dragonfly's Chief Financial Officer since September 2021. Mr. Marchetti has over 20 years of experience in the technology and financial services industries. Prior to joining Dragonfly, Mr. Marchetti served as a Managing Director and senior research analyst at Stifel, focused on communications infrastructure and applied technology markets, including advanced battery technologies. From 2016 to 2018, Mr. Marchetti served as Senior Vice President for Strategy and Business Development of Cloudbus and, from 2012 to 2015, he served as Chief Strategy Officer and Executive Vice President at Fabrinet. Prior to joining Fabrinet, Mr. Marchetti was a senior equity analyst at Cowen & Co. and Morgan Stanley. Mr. Marchetti also served for five years as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Marchetti holds a M.B.A. in Finance from the University of Connecticut and a B.A. in Political Science from Virginia Tech. Mr. Marchetti is qualified to serve on the New Dragonfly Board based on his decades of experience in the technology and financial services industries as well as his business and leadership experience serving as Vice President of both Cloudbus and Fabrinet.

Nicole Harvey has served as Dragonfly's General Counsel and Compliance Officer since October 2021, and as Dragonfly's Corporate Secretary since April 2022. From 2017 through 2019, Ms. Harvey served Harley-Davidson Financial Services as an American Bankers' Association Certified Compliance and Risk Manager. In 2018, Ms. Harvey worked for Corix Group of Companies as Senior Corporate Counsel, overseeing the development and implementation of corporate policies, and providing legal services to affiliate and subsidiary companies. In 2020, Ms. Harvey returned to private practice with the law firm of Blanchard, Krasner & French, where she focused on business transactions and litigation, including outside counsel services for Dragonfly. In 2021, Ms. Harvey had the opportunity to serve Northern Nevada HOPES, a non-profit providing medical and social services in Northern Nevada, as its General Counsel and Compliance Officer prior to joining Dragonfly as its full time General Counsel in October 2021. Ms. Harvey holds a J.D. from Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, and a B.S. in Economics from the University of Nevada, Reno. She has been licensed to practice law in the State of Nevada since 2008.

Non-Employee Directors

Luisa Ingargiola has served as a member of Dragonfly’s board of directors since [•], 2021. Since 2017, Ms. Ingargiola has served as Chief Financial Officer of Avalon GlobalCare Corp., a publicly listed bio-tech health care company. Prior to joining Avalon GlobalCare Corp., Ms. Ingargiola served as the Chief Financial Officer and Co-Founder of MagneGas Corporation from 2007 to 2016. Ms. Ingargiola has also served as Board Director and Audit Committee Chair for various over-the-counter and Nasdaq companies. Ms. Ingargiola has served as a member of the Board of Directors and as Audit Committee Chair for Progress Acquisition Corporation since 2020, as a member of the Board of Directors and as Audit Committee Chair for AgEagle Aerial Systems since 2019, and as a member of the Board Directors and as Audit Committee Chair for Electra Meccanica since 2018. Ms. Ingargiola holds a M.B.A. in Health from the University of South Florida and a B.S. in Finance from Boston University. Ms. Ingargiola is qualified to serve on the New Dragonfly Board based on her previous roles serving as Chief Financial Officer for multiple companies and extensive experience serving on multiple boards of directors for Nasdaq companies.

Brian Nelson has served as a member of Dragonfly’s board of directors since [•], 2022. Mr. Nelson has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Precision Surfacing Solutions Group (formerly known the Lapmaster Group) since 2003 and as the President since 2002. Mr. Nelson was hired in the sales department of Lapmaster in 1996 and he purchased the company in 2003. From 1996 to 1996, Mr. Nelson served as a Sales Engineer for TII Technical Education Systems, and from 1993 to 1995, he served as a Staff Engineer for Rust Environment & Infrastructure. Mr. Nelson holds an M.B.A. in Entrepreneurship from the DePaul University Charles H. Kellstadt School of Business and a B.S. in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Marquette University. He is a member of the Association of Manufacturing Technology and Young President’s Organization. Mr. Nelson is qualified to serve on the New Dragonfly Board based on his years of business experience as President and Chief Executing Officer of Precision Surfacing Solutions Group and Lapmaster.

Family Relationships

There are no family relationships among any of Dragonfly’s executive officers.

MANAGEMENT OF NEW DRAGONFLY AFTER THE BUSINESS COMBINATION

New Dragonfly anticipates that the current executive officers of Dragonfly will become executive officers of New Dragonfly following the Business Combination. The following persons are expected to serve as executive officers and directors of New Dragonfly upon consummation of the Business Combination. See “*Management of Dragonfly*” for biographies of the Dragonfly executive officers and directors who will serve in the positions listed above following the Business Combination.

Name	Age	Position(s) Held
Dr. Denis Phares	49	Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Sean Nichols	51	Chief Operating Officer
John Marchetti	51	Chief Financial Officer
Nicole Harvey	44	General Counsel, Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary
Luisa Ingargiola	54	Director
Brian Nelson	51	Director
[]	[]	Director

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- (1) Member of the New Dragonfly audit committee, effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination.
- (2) Member of the New Dragonfly compensation committee, effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination.
- (3) Member of the New Dragonfly nominating and corporate governance committee, effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination.]

Directors

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/ /. Upon consummation of the Business Combination, [Mr./Ms.] [] will serve as a member of the New Dragonfly Board. [Mr./Ms.] [] served as []. [Mr./Ms.] [] holds a degree in [] from []. [Mr./Ms.] [] is qualified to serve on the New Dragonfly Board based on [].

Classified Board of Directors

Upon the consummation of the Business Combination, the business and affairs of New Dragonfly will be managed by or under the direction of the New Dragonfly Board. New Dragonfly’s Proposed Articles of Incorporation provide for a staggered, or classified, Board consisting of three classes of directors, each serving a staggered three-year term and with one class being elected at each year’s annual meeting of stockholders, as follows:

- Class A, which we anticipate will consist of [] and [], whose terms will expire at the first annual meeting of stockholders to be held after the consummation of the Business Combination;
- Class B, which we anticipate will consist of [] and [], whose terms will expire at the second annual meeting of stockholders to be held after the consummation of the Business Combination; and
- Class C, which we anticipate will consist of [], [] and [], whose terms will expire at the third annual meeting of stockholders to be held after the consummation of the Business Combination.

At each annual meeting of stockholders to be held after the initial classification, directors for that class will be elected for a three-year term at the annual meeting of stockholders in the year in which the term

expires. Each director's term is subject to the election and qualification of his or her successor, or his or her earlier death, disqualification, resignation or removal. Subject to any rights applicable to any then outstanding preferred stock, any vacancies on the New Dragonfly Board may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office. Any increase or decrease in the number of directors will be distributed among the three classes so that, as nearly as possible, each class will consist of one-third of the directors. This classification of the New Dragonfly Board may have the effect of delaying or preventing changes in New Dragonfly's control or management. New Dragonfly's directors may be removed for cause by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of New Dragonfly's voting securities.

Board Leadership Structure

Dr. Denis Phares will serve as the chairman of the New Dragonfly board of directors and will preside over regularly scheduled meetings, will serve as liaison between the non-independent members of the board of directors and the independent directors, will approve meeting agendas and schedules for the board of directors and will perform such additional duties as the board of directors may determine and delegate. [] will also serve as the independent Lead Director of New Dragonfly. We believe that this structure provides an environment in which the independent directors are fully informed, have significant input into the content of board meetings, and are able to provide objective and thoughtful oversight of management.

Director Independence

Upon the consummation of the Business Combination, the New Dragonfly Board is expected to determine that each of the directors on the New Dragonfly Board other than [], [] and [] will qualify as independent directors, as defined under the rules of the Nasdaq, and the New Dragonfly Board will consist of a majority of "independent directors," as defined under the rules of the SEC and the Nasdaq relating to director independence requirements. In addition, New Dragonfly will be subject to the rules of the SEC and the Nasdaq relating to the membership, qualifications, and operations of the audit committee, as discussed below. [] will be the New Dragonfly lead independent director under the Nasdaq rules.

Role of the New Dragonfly Board in Risk Oversight/Risk Committee

Upon the consummation of the Business Combination, one of the key functions of the New Dragonfly Board will be informed oversight of New Dragonfly's risk management process. The New Dragonfly Board does not anticipate having a standing risk management committee, but rather anticipates administering this oversight function directly through the New Dragonfly Board as a whole, as well as through various standing committees of the New Dragonfly Board that address risks inherent in their respective areas of oversight. In particular, the New Dragonfly Board will be responsible for monitoring and assessing strategic risk exposure and New Dragonfly's audit committee will have the responsibility to consider and discuss New Dragonfly's major financial risk exposures and the steps its management will take to monitor and control such exposures, including guidelines and policies to govern the process by which risk assessment and management is undertaken.

The audit committee will also monitor compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. New Dragonfly's compensation committee will also assess and monitor whether New Dragonfly's compensation plans, policies and programs comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Board Committees

Effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination, the New Dragonfly Board will have three standing committees—an audit committee, a compensation committee, and a nominating and corporate governance committee. Following the consummation of the Business Combination, copies of the charters for each committee will be available on New Dragonfly's website.

Audit Committee

New Dragonfly's audit committee will consist of [Luisa Ingargiola], [Brian Nelson], [] and []. The New Dragonfly Board will determine that each of the members of the audit committee will satisfy the independence requirements of the Nasdaq and Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the

“Exchange Act”) and be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements in accordance with the Nasdaq audit committee requirements. In arriving at this determination, the New Dragonfly Board will examine each audit committee member’s scope of experience and the nature of their prior and/or current employment.

[Luisa Ingargiola] will serve as the chair of the audit committee. The New Dragonfly Board will determine that [Luisa Ingargiola] qualifies as an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of SEC regulations and meets the financial sophistication requirements of the Nasdaq rules. In making this determination, the New Dragonfly Board will consider [Luisa Ingargiola]’s formal education and previous experience in financial roles. Both New Dragonfly’s independent registered public accounting firm and management will periodically meet privately with New Dragonfly’s audit committee.

The functions of this committee are expected to include, among other things:

- appointing, compensating, oversight, and evaluating the performance, independence and qualifications of New Dragonfly’s independent auditors and determining whether to retain New Dragonfly’s existing independent auditors or engage new independent auditors;
- reviewing New Dragonfly’s financial reporting processes and disclosure controls;
- reviewing and approving the engagement of New Dragonfly’s independent auditors to perform audit services and any permissible non-audit services;
- reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of New Dragonfly’s internal control policies and procedures;
- reviewing with the independent auditors the annual audit plan, including the scope of audit activities and all critical accounting policies and practices to be used by New Dragonfly;
- obtaining and reviewing at least annually a report by New Dragonfly’s independent auditors describing the independent auditors’ internal quality control procedures and any issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review;
- monitoring the rotation of the lead auditor of New Dragonfly’s independent auditors and consider regular rotation of the accounting firm serving as New Dragonfly’s independent auditors;
- at least annually, reviewing relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the auditors;
- reviewing New Dragonfly’s annual and financial statements and reports and discussing the statements and reports with New Dragonfly’s independent auditors and management;
- reviewing with New Dragonfly’s independent auditors and management significant issues that arise regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentation and matters concerning the scope, adequacy, and effectiveness of New Dragonfly’s financial controls and critical accounting policies;
- establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by New Dragonfly regarding financial controls, accounting, auditing or other matters;
- preparing the report that the SEC requires in New Dragonfly’s annual proxy statement;
- reviewing New Dragonfly’s significant risk exposures; and
- reviewing and evaluating on an annual basis the performance of the audit committee and the audit committee charter.

The composition and function of the audit committee will comply with all applicable requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”) and all applicable U.S. Securities Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) rules and regulations. New Dragonfly will comply with future requirements to the extent they become applicable to New Dragonfly.

Compensation Committee

New Dragonfly’s compensation committee will consist of [Luisa Ingargiola], [Brian Nelson], [] and []. [Luisa Ingargiola] will serve as the chair of the compensation committee. The New Dragonfly Board will

determine that each of the members of the compensation committee will be a non-employee director, as defined in Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act and will satisfy the independence requirements of the Nasdaq.

The functions of the committee are expected to include, among other things:

- reviewing and approving the corporate goals and objectives that pertain to the determination of executive compensation;
- reviewing and approving the compensation and other terms of employment of New Dragonfly's executive officers;
- reviewing and approving performance goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of New Dragonfly's chief executive officer ("CEO") and assessing the CEO's performance against these goals and objectives;
- making recommendations to the New Dragonfly Board regarding the adoption, termination, amendment of equity and cash incentive plans and approving amendments to such plans to the extent authorized by the New Dragonfly Board;
- reviewing and assessing the independence of compensation consultants, legal counsel and other advisors as required by Section 10C of the Exchange Act;
- reviewing and approving the terms of any employment agreements, severance arrangements or plans, including any benefits to be provided in connection with a change in control, for the CEO and other executives;
- reviewing and discussing with management New Dragonfly's disclosures under the caption "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" in New Dragonfly's periodic reports or proxy statements to be filed with the SEC, to the extent such caption is included in any such report or proxy statement;
- preparing an annual report on executive compensation that the SEC requires in New Dragonfly's annual proxy statement; and
- reviewing and recommending to the New Dragonfly Board for executive officer development and retention and corporate succession plans.

The composition and function of its compensation committee will comply with all applicable requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and all applicable SEC and the Nasdaq rules and regulations. New Dragonfly will comply with future requirements to the extent they become applicable to New Dragonfly.

Nominating Committee

New Dragonfly's nominating committee will consist of [Luisa Ingargiola], [Brian Nelson], [] and []. [Luisa Ingargiola] will serve as the chair of New Dragonfly's nominating governance committee. The New Dragonfly Board will determine that each of the members of New Dragonfly's nominating governance committee will satisfy the independence requirements of the Nasdaq.

The functions of this committee are expected to include, among other things:

- identifying, reviewing and making recommendations of candidates to serve on the New Dragonfly Board;
- establishing a process for recommendation of director candidates by stockholders and publishing such process annually in the New Dragonfly's proxy statement;
- considering nominations by stockholders of candidates for election to the New Dragonfly Board;
- annually reviewing the composition and organization of the New Dragonfly Board's committees and making recommendations to the New Dragonfly Board for approvals;
- developing a set of corporate governance policies and principles and recommending to the New Dragonfly Board any changes to such policies and principles; and
- reviewing annually the nominating and corporate governance committee charter.

The composition and function of the nominating and corporate governance committee will comply with all applicable requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and all applicable SEC and the Nasdaq rules and regulations. New Dragonfly will comply with future requirements to the extent they become applicable.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

[None of the intended members of New Dragonfly's compensation committee has ever been an executive officer or employee of New Dragonfly. None of New Dragonfly's intended executive officers currently serves, or has served during the last completed fiscal year, on the compensation committee or board of directors of any other entity that has one or more executive officers that will serve as a member of the New Dragonfly Board or compensation committee.]

Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics

The New Dragonfly board of directors will adopt a code of conduct ("*Code of Conduct*") and a code of ethics ("*Code of Ethics*") that applies to all of New Dragonfly's directors, officers and employees. Following the consummation of the Business Combination, the full text of New Dragonfly's Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics will be posted on the investor relations page on New Dragonfly's website at [•]. New Dragonfly will disclose any amendments to New Dragonfly's Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics, or waivers of its requirements on New Dragonfly's website identified above, or in filings under the Exchange Act.

Limitation on Liability and Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The Proposed Certificate of Incorporation, which will be effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination (the "*Closing*"), limits New Dragonfly's directors' liability to the fullest extent permitted under the DGCL. The DGCL provides that directors of a corporation will not be personally liable for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duties as directors, except for liability:

- for any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit;
- for any act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- for any unlawful payment of dividends or redemption of shares; or
- for any breach of a director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders.

If the DGCL is amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of New Dragonfly's directors for monetary damages will be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, as so amended. Additionally, the Proposed Bylaws provide that New Dragonfly will, in certain situations, indemnify New Dragonfly's directors and officers and may indemnify other employees and other agents, to the fullest extent permitted by law. Any indemnified person is also entitled, subject to certain limitations, to advancement, direct payment, or reimbursement of reasonable expenses (including attorneys' fees and disbursements) in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding.

Further, New Dragonfly will enter into indemnification agreements with each of New Dragonfly's directors and executive officers that may be broader than the specific indemnification provisions contained in the DGCL. These indemnification agreements will require New Dragonfly, among other things, to indemnify New Dragonfly's directors and executive officers against liabilities that may arise by reason of their status or service. These indemnification agreements will also require New Dragonfly to advance all expenses reasonably and actually incurred by New Dragonfly's directors and executive officers in investigating or defending any such action, suit or proceeding. We believe that these agreements are necessary to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve as directors and executive officers.

New Dragonfly plans to maintain a directors' and officers' insurance policy pursuant to which New Dragonfly's directors and officers are insured against liability for actions taken in their capacities as directors and officers. Chardan believes these provisions in the Proposed Certificate of Incorporation and the Proposed Bylaws and these indemnification agreements are necessary to attract and retain qualified persons as directors and officers.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers, or control persons, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION OF DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.

Throughout this section, unless otherwise noted, “we,” “us,” “our” and similar terms refer to Dragonfly and its subsidiaries prior to the consummation of the Business Combination, and to New Dragonfly and its subsidiaries after the Business Combination. This discussion may contain forward-looking statements that are based on New Dragonfly’s current plans, considerations, expectations and determinations regarding future compensation programs. Actual compensation programs that it adopts following the completion of the Business Combination may differ materially from the currently planned programs summarized in this discussion. All share counts in this section are shown on a pre-Business Combination basis.

This section describes the material components of the executive compensation program for certain of Dragonfly’s executive officers (the “Target NEOs”) and directors. This discussion may contain forward-looking statements that are based on Dragonfly’s current plans, considerations, expectations and determinations regarding future compensation programs. Actual compensation programs that Dragonfly adopts following the completion of the Business Combination may differ materially from the existing and currently planned programs summarized or referred to in this discussion.

Post-Combination Company Executive Compensation

In connection with the Business Combination, Dragonfly intends to develop a compensation program that is designed to align executives’ compensation with New Dragonfly’s business objectives and the creation of stockholder value, while helping Dragonfly to continue to attract, motivate and retain individuals who contribute to the long-term success of the company. Dragonfly anticipates that compensation for its executive officers will have three primary components: base salary, an annual cash incentive bonus opportunity, and long-term equity-based incentive compensation. New Dragonfly expects to grant the long-term equity-based incentive compensation to its executive officers under the 2022 Plan if stockholders approve the plan as described above in “Proposal No. 3 — The Incentive Plan Proposal”.

Decisions on the design and implementation of the executive compensation program will be made by the compensation committee, as established at the closing of the Business Combination. The executive compensation program actually adopted will depend on the judgment of the members of the compensation committee. Dragonfly has retained Compensia, Inc., an independent compensation consultant, to assist Dragonfly in evaluating the compensation programs for the executive officers following the closing of the Business Combination.

Summary Compensation Table — Fiscal Year 2021

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$) ⁽²⁾	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$) ⁽³⁾	Total (\$)
Dr. Denis Phares <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	2021	579,593	362,137	—	—	—	—	22,234	963,964
Sean Nichols <i>Chief Operating Officer</i>	2021	579,593	362,137	—	—	—	—	20,244	961,974
John Marchetti ⁽⁴⁾ <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	2021	91,154	82,000	—	682,000	—	—	—	855,154

(1) The amounts reported in this column represent discretionary bonuses awarded to each executive for performance during 2021. Pursuant to Mr. Marchetti’s employment agreement with Dragonfly and subject to his continued employment, he is guaranteed to receive at least his target bonus amount of \$75,000 per quarter for the first four quarters of his employment.

(2) The amounts reported in this column reflect the grant date fair value of stock option awards granted to the Target NEOs during 2020 under the Dragonfly stock incentive plans and are accounted for in

accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. Please see the section titled “Stock-Based Compensation” beginning on page 5 of Dragonfly’s Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this proxy statement/consent solicitation statement/prospectus for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used in calculating these amounts.

- (3) This amount reflects the Dragonfly’s matching contribution to the executive’s account under the Dragonfly’s 401(k) plan.
- (4) Mr. Marchetti commenced employment as Dragonfly’s Chief Financial Officer on September 6, 2021.

Outstanding Equity Awards as of December 31, 2021

The following table provides information regarding outstanding options to acquire Dragonfly common stock held by each of the Target NEOs as of December 31, 2021, including the vesting dates for the portions of these awards that had not vested as of that date. The Target NEOs did not hold any other outstanding equity awards as of that date.

Name	Option Awards				
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date
Dr. Denis Phares	—	250,000 ⁽¹⁾	—	0.41	12/4/24
Sean Nichols	—	250,000 ⁽¹⁾	—	0.38	12/4/29
John Marchetti	200,000 ⁽²⁾	—	—	3.41	9/12/31

(1) The unvested portion of this option vests in 20 monthly installments from January 12, 2022 and August 12, 2023.

(2) The unvested portion of this option vests as to 25% of the option on September 10, 2022 and as to 75% of the option in 36 monthly installments from October 10, 2022 through September 10, 2025.

2021 Equity Grants

During 2021, Mr. Marchetti received an option to purchase 200,000 shares of our common stock at a price of \$3.41 per share. This option was granted under the Dragonfly’s 2021 Stock Incentive Plan and vests as to 25% of the option on the first anniversary of the vesting start date established by our board of directors for the option and as to the remaining 75% of the option in monthly installments over the three-year period thereafter, subject to Mr. Marchetti’s continued service with Dragonfly through the applicable vesting date.

Description of Stock Incentive Plan

We maintain the Dragonfly Energy Corp. 2019 Stock Incentive Plan and the Dragonfly Energy Corp. 2021 Stock Incentive Plan (together, the “*Stock Incentive Plans*”). The Stock Incentive Plans provide that if a change in control of Dragonfly occurs, the plan administrator may provide for the assumption or substitution of outstanding equity awards or for such awards to terminate upon the transaction. In connection with the Business Combination, all outstanding options under the Stock Incentive Plans will be converted into options to purchase common stock of New Dragonfly as described in the “The Business Combination Agreement” section above.

In connection with the Business Combination, stockholders will be asked to approve a new equity incentive plan, the 2022 Equity Incentive Plan, which will replace the Stock Incentive Plans with respect to future equity awards. For more information on the new plan, see “*Proposal No. 3 — The Incentive Plan Proposal*” above.

Executive Employment Agreements .

The Company is party to employment agreements with each of Messrs. Phares and Nichols, each dated January 1, 2022, and amended as of May [15], 2022, pursuant to which Messrs. Phares and Nichols serve as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer. The employment agreements provide for a one-year initial employment term, with automatic one-year renewal terms thereafter, subject to 90 days' notice of non-renewal by either party. The employment agreements provide for a base salary of \$600,000, and an annual target bonus equal to 100% of their annual base salary. The employment agreements also provide that Messrs. Phares and Nichols will receive annual equity awards, which shall vest over twelve months. Upon a termination of employment by the Company without "cause" or resignation by executive for "good reason" (as defined in the employment agreements), Messrs. Phares and Nichols are entitled to the following severance benefits, contingent on such executive's execution of an irrevocable release of claims: a base salary continuation equal to four times their base salary (payable in accordance with the Company's normal payroll practices over a two year period), a prorated portion of the annual target bonus for the year of termination, as well as reimbursement of monthly COBRA premiums paid by such executive for himself and his dependents until the earliest of (i) the 18 month anniversary of the applicable termination date, (ii) the date the executive is no longer eligible to receive COBRA continuation coverage, and (iii) the date on which the executive receives substantially similar coverage from another employer or other source. Each executive's right to receive these severance benefits is subject to his providing a release of claims to the Company and his continued compliance with certain restrictive covenants in favor of the Company.

In connection with the signing of the Business Combination Agreement, Messrs. Phares and Nichols each entered into an amendment of their employment agreements with the Company to reduce their annual base salary rate from \$800,000 to \$600,000, effective May 15, 2022. The amendment did not change any other terms of their employment agreements described above.

The Company is a party to an employment agreement with Mr. Marchetti, dated August 17, 2021, to serve as its Chief Financial Officer. The agreement has a three-year term and provides for Mr. Marchetti to receive an annual base salary of \$300,000. His target bonus opportunity under the agreement is \$75,000 per quarter. The agreement also provides for Mr. Marchetti to be granted an option to purchase up to 100,000 shares of the Company's common stock, vesting over four years. If Mr. Marchetti's employment is terminated by the Company without "cause" or he terminates employment in circumstances constituting a "constructive termination without cause" (as such terms are defined in his employment agreement) and subject to his providing a release of claims to the Company, he will be entitled to receive severance of up to 12 months of his base salary (with six months of such severance subject to his compliance with his non-competition covenant with the Company during the second half of the 12-month period following his termination), accelerated vesting of his then-outstanding stock options granted by the Company, and continued participation for 12 months in the Company's health plans at active employee rates for up to 12 months. If such termination occurs within seven days of the payment of a quarterly payment under our bonus program, he would be entitled to receive that quarterly payment. The agreement also includes non-competition and non-solicitation covenants that apply for 12 months following his termination of employment, and certain confidentiality and other covenants.

Defined Contribution Plans

As part of its overall compensation program, Dragonfly provides all full-time employees, including each of the Target NEOs, with the opportunity to participate in a defined contribution 401(k) plan. The plan is intended to qualify under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code so that employee contributions and income earned on such contributions are not taxable to employees until withdrawn. Employees may elect to defer a percentage of their eligible compensation (not to exceed the statutorily prescribed annual limit) in the form of elective deferral contributions to the plan. The 401(k) plan also has a "catch-up contribution" feature for employees aged 50 or older (including those who qualify as "highly compensated" employees) who can defer amounts over the statutory limit that applies to all other employees. [Dragonfly's current practice is to match [100%] of an employee's contributions to the plan up to [4]% of the employee's compensation.]

Director Compensation Table — Fiscal 2021

The current directors of Dragonfly (Messrs. Phares and Nelson and Ms. Ingargiola) will continue to serve on the Board following the closing of the Business Combination. Dragonfly is currently evaluating the

compensation to be provided to its non-employee directors following the closing [with []’s assistance] and has not yet determined the terms of its director compensation policy.

The following table sets forth certain information concerning compensation paid to Ms. Ingargiola for her services on the Dragonfly Board during 2021. Messrs. Phares and Nichols did not receive any additional compensation for their service on the Dragonfly Board during 2021.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Luisa Ingargiola	—	—	281,325	—	281,325

- (1) Ms. Ingargiola was granted an option to purchase 82,500 shares of Dragonfly common stock in August 2021 with an exercise price of \$3.41 per share and that was scheduled to vest in monthly installments over a three-year period after the grant date. The option has a five-year term and will fully vest and be exercisable if a change in control of Dragonfly or an initial public offering of Dragonfly’s stock occurs and Ms. Ingargiola is asked to resign from the Board through no fault of her own. As of December 31, 2021, Ms. Ingargiola did not hold any outstanding equity awards from Dragonfly other than this option to purchase 82,500 shares.
- (2) The amount reported in this column reflects the grant date fair value of the stock option granted to Ms. Ingargiola during 2021 under the Dragonfly Energy Corp. stock incentive plan as described above and is accounted for in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. Please see the section titled “Stock-Based Compensation” beginning on page 5 of Dragonfly’s Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus for a discussion of the relevant assumptions used in calculating this amount.

CERTAIN PROJECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF DRAGONFLY

Dragonfly does not, as a matter of course, publicly disclose long-term forecasts or internal projections of its future performance, revenue, earnings, financial condition or other results. However, in connection with Chardan's due diligence and consideration of the potential Business Combination with Dragonfly, Dragonfly's management provided Chardan with internally prepared financial forecasts for fiscal years ending December 31, 2022 through 2023 (the "*Financial Projections*"). The Financial Projections were provided to Chardan only for use as a component in its overall evaluation of Dragonfly and should not be viewed as public guidance. The summary information from the Financial Projections is included in the table below because such information was considered by the Chardan for purposes of evaluating the Business Combination and, at the direction of the Chardan Board, was used and relied upon by Duff & Phelps for purposes of its financial analyses and opinion to the Chardan Board. Inclusion of summary information regarding the financial forecasts in this proxy statement/prospectus is not intended to influence your decision whether to vote for the Proposals.

Dragonfly's management relied on numerous assumptions to derive the Financial Projections described below, including assumptions regarding key customer and supplier relationships, new product offerings, expansion into adjacent markets and/or the ability to implement planned automated manufacturing processes and expand production capacity, among others. The Financial Projections are subject to inherent uncertainty since they are based on assumptions about events that may occur in the future, many of which are beyond Chardan's and Dragonfly's control, instead of historical operating results. In addition, long-term financial projections are subject to increased uncertainty and risk that they will not be achieved. None of the Financial Projections should be regarded as a representation by any person that the results contained in the prospective financial information will be achieved.

The Financial Projections were not prepared with a view toward public disclosure, nor were they prepared with a view toward complying with published guidelines of the SEC, the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or GAAP for the preparation and presentation of prospective financial information, but, in the view of Dragonfly's management, was prepared on a reasonable basis. However, this information is not fact and should not be relied upon as being necessarily indicative of future results, and readers of this document are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the prospective financial information. The Financial Projections do not take into account any circumstances or events occurring after the date it was prepared. New Dragonfly will not refer back to this unaudited prospective financial information in future periodic reports filed under the Exchange Act.

There can be no assurance that the Financial Projections will be realized or that actual results will not be significantly higher or lower than projected. Since the Financial Projections cover multiple years, such information by its nature becomes less reliable with each successive year. These Financial Projections are subjective in many respects and thus are susceptible to multiple interpretations and periodic revisions based on actual experience and business developments.

No independent auditors have audited, reviewed, examined, compiled nor applied agreed-upon procedures with respect to the accompanying Financial Projections and, accordingly, none of Chardan, WithumSmith+Brown, PC, Chardan's independent registered public accounting firm, and BDO USA, LLP, Dragonfly's independent registered public accounting firm, express an opinion or any other form of assurance with respect thereto or its achievability, and assume no responsibility for, and disclaim any association with, the prospective financial information. The audit reports included in this proxy statement/prospectus relate to historical financial information. They do not extend to the prospective financial information and should not be read to do so.

EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS, NEITHER DRAGONFLY NOR CHARDAN INTENDS TO MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ANY UPDATE OR OTHER REVISION TO THE FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS. THE FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY CIRCUMSTANCES OR EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER THE DATE THAT INFORMATION WAS PREPARED. READERS OF THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS ARE CAUTIONED NOT TO PLACE UNDUE RELIANCE ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS SET FORTH BELOW AND NOT TO RELY ON SUCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN MAKING A DECISION REGARDING THE BUSINESS

COMBINATION PROPOSAL, AS SUCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT THAN ACTUAL RESULTS. NONE OF DRAGONFLY, CHARDAN NOR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, ADVISORS OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES HAS MADE OR MAKES ANY REPRESENTATION TO ANY DRAGONFLY STOCKHOLDER, CHARDAN STOCKHOLDER OR ANY OTHER PERSON REGARDING ULTIMATE PERFORMANCE COMPARED TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS OR THAT FINANCIAL AND OPERATING RESULTS WILL BE ACHIEVED. CHARDAN DOES NOT INTEND TO REFERENCE THESE FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS IN ITS FUTURE PERIODIC REPORTS FILED UNDER THE EXCHANGE ACT.

Certain of the measures included in the projected financial information are non-GAAP financial measures, including EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information presented in compliance with GAAP, and non-GAAP financial measures as used by Dragonfly are not reported by all of their competitors and may not be comparable to similarly titled amounts used by other companies. Adjusted EBITDA in the Financial Projections is defined as EBITDA adjusted for stock-based compensation, non-recurring debt transaction and business combination expenses.

A summary of the financial forecast information regarding Dragonfly's anticipated future operations for fiscal years ending December 31, 2022 and 2023 is set forth below.

	Years ended December 31,	
	2022	2023
	(in thousands)	
Revenue	\$115,373	\$255,085
Gross profit	43,586	102,664
Total Operating Expenses	63,240	67,407
Net Income	(25,783)	26,169
EBITDA	(18,093)	39,144
Adjusted EBITDA	12,178	40,968

The Financial Projections included in this proxy statement/prospectus have been prepared by, and is the responsibility of, Dragonfly's management. The Financial Projections have not been audited. Neither the independent registered public accounting firms of Chardan nor Dragonfly has audited, reviewed, examined, compiled or applied agreed-upon procedures with respect to the accompanying prospective financial information and, accordingly, neither of them have expressed an opinion or any other form of assurance with respect thereto.

The Financial Projections are included in this proxy statement/prospectus solely to provide Chardan stockholders access to information made available in connection with the Chardan's evaluation of the proposed Business Combination. You are encouraged to review the financial statements of Dragonfly included in this proxy statement/prospectus, as well as the financial information in the sections entitled "*Dragonfly's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*" and "*Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Financial Information*" in this proxy statement/prospectus, and to not rely on any single financial measure.

The Financial Projections were prepared in good faith by Dragonfly's management based on management's reasonable best estimates and facts, circumstances and information available at the time. While presented with numerical specificity, the Financial Projections reflect numerous estimates and assumptions made by Dragonfly's management with respect to industry performance, competition, general business, economic, market and financial conditions and matters specific to Dragonfly's business, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond Dragonfly's control. Dragonfly believes that its operating history provides a reasonable basis for the estimates and assumptions underlying the Financial Projections. Changes in these estimates or assumptions, including assumptions regarding key customer and supplier relationships, new product offerings, expansion into adjacent markets and/or the ability to implement planned

automated manufacturing processes and expand production capacity could materially affect the Financial Projections. Specifically, the material assumptions and estimates include but are not limited to:

- **Revenue growth:**
 - Overall projected increase in revenue and unit sales in both fiscal 2022 and 2023 is based on projected OEM and DTC sales increases;
 - OEM revenue is expected to grow primarily based on increasing sales to RV OEM customers with whom Dragonfly has existing relationships and reflecting (i) increased OEM purchases in anticipation of increased end customer demand for lithium-ion batteries as original equipment; (ii) an increase in the number of RV models where the respective OEMs design in Dragonfly's batteries as a "standard" rather than an "optional" feature; and (iii) growth in aftermarket sales through the various OEM dealer networks where Dragonfly's products are featured (in some cases exclusively) and stocked for after-market RV service and lead-acid replacement;
 - DTC revenue growth is primarily based on (i) increased penetration within existing markets in line with the trend of lithium-ion batteries increasingly replacing lead acid batteries; (ii) increased sales and marketing investments targeting new adjacent markets; and (iii) the introduction of new lithium-ion battery products; and
 - DTC revenue growth is also expected to benefit from increased accessory sales as (i) Dragonfly further develops its full-system design expertise and product offerings and (ii) customers increasingly demand more sophisticated systems, rather than simple drop-in replacement (in each case, enabling Dragonfly to sell the additional components needed for a full storage solution).
- **Gross Margin:** expected to remain relatively stable as fixed cost absorption increases with higher revenue, and manufacturing efficiencies (including additional automation efforts) help to lower overall production costs, somewhat offset by an increase in lower margin OEM sales and third-party sourced accessory sales.
- **Gross Profit:** expected to increase in line with increased sales and benefits from manufacturing efficiencies and platform scale.
- **Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin:** each expected to increase in line with increased revenue and scale, somewhat offset by higher operating expenses across the major expense categories.
- **Manufacturing efficiencies:** to improve production efficiency, Dragonfly intends to continue to introduce additional automation functions into its manufacturing and assembly processes.
- **Manufacturing facility:** Dragonfly's 99,000 square foot production facility (occupied since mid-2021) currently houses two production lines with plans to introduce an additional production line over the next 12 months to meet expected increases in unit demand.
- **Cell supply:** Dragonfly has opted to purchase its lithium-ion battery cells from two carefully selected cell manufacturers in China. Doing so, to date, has enabled Dragonfly to manage inventory and lead-times in anticipation of future needs and offset potential cell manufacturer cost increases with volume-based purchase discounts. An inability to timely and cost effectively source cell supplies could adversely impact Dragonfly's revenue and margins.
- **Solid-state technology:** over the last decade, Dragonfly has made significant investments to develop its solid-state battery technology and position the Company to manufacture and market its own solid-state lithium-ion batteries. The Financial Projections reflect related investments intended to support (i) continued optimization of Dragonfly's solid-state chemistry and (ii) construction of an initial pilot production manufacturing line. The Financial Projections do not include any contribution from solid-state battery sales, with these future sales subject to successful related technology development and production process advancement efforts. At this time, it is impracticable to provide a meaningful estimate of potential solid-state battery sales. However, a significant element of the potential transaction consideration consists of up to 25 million Earnout Shares payable only if related trading price targets of \$22.50 prior to December 31, 2026 and/or \$32.50 prior to December 31, 2028 are met (in addition to 15 million Earnout Shares issuable upon Dragonfly meeting certain revenue or income

thresholds for fiscal year 2023). We believe that meeting these trading price targets is unlikely to occur unless Dragonfly successfully develops its solid-state technology and solid-state battery sales prospects.

The assumptions and estimates underlying the Financial Projections are inherently uncertain and are subject to a wide variety of significant business, economic and competitive risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the prospective financial information, including, among others, risks and uncertainties set forth under “*Risk Factors*” and “*Cautionary Notes Regarding Forward-Looking Statements*” contained elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus.

Neither Chardan nor Dragonfly generally publishes its business plans and strategies or makes external disclosures of its anticipated financial condition or results of operations. Chardan and Dragonfly have not updated, and do not intend to update or otherwise revise, the prospective financial information to reflect circumstances existing since its preparation, including any changes in general economic or industry conditions, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Neither Chardan, Dragonfly nor any of their respective representatives or advisers makes any representation to any person with regard to the ultimate performance of Chardan, Dragonfly or New Dragonfly.

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Chardan is providing the following unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information to aid you in your analysis of the financial aspects of the Business Combination and related transactions. The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information presents the combination of the financial information of Chardan and Dragonfly adjusted to give effect to the Business Combination and related transactions. The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information has been prepared in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X as amended by the final rule, Release No. 33-10786 “Amendments to Financial Disclosures about Acquired and Disposed Businesses.” Defined terms included below have the same meaning as terms defined and included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus.

The historical financial information of Chardan was derived from the audited financial statements of Chardan as of December 31, 2021 and for the year ended December 31, 2021 and for the period from June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020, included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus. The historical financial information of Dragonfly was derived from the audited financial statements of Dragonfly as of December 31, 2021 and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus. Such unaudited pro forma financial information has been prepared on a basis consistent with the audited financial statements of Chardan and Dragonfly, respectively, and should be read in conjunction with the audited historical financial statements and related notes, each of which is included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus. This information should be read together with Chardan’s and Dragonfly’s audited financial statements and related notes, the sections titled “*Chardan’s Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*” and “*Dragonfly’s Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*” and other financial information included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus.

The Business Combination is accounted for as a reverse recapitalization, with no goodwill or other intangible assets recorded, in accordance with GAAP. Under this method of accounting, Chardan is treated as the “acquired” company for financial reporting purposes. Dragonfly has been determined to be the accounting acquirer because Dragonfly, as a group, will retain a majority of the outstanding shares of New Dragonfly as of the closing of the Business Combination, they have nominated five of the seven members of the board of directors as of the closing of the Business Combination, Dragonfly’s management will continue to manage New Dragonfly and Dragonfly’s business will comprise the ongoing operations of New Dragonfly.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet as of December 31, 2021 assumes that the Business Combination and related transactions occurred on December 31, 2021. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2021 gives pro forma effect to the Business Combination and related transactions as if they had occurred on January 1, 2021. Chardan and Dragonfly have not had any historical relationship prior to the Business Combination. Accordingly, no pro forma adjustments were required to eliminate activities between the companies.

These unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements are for informational purposes only. They do not purport to indicate the results that would have been obtained had the Business Combination and related transactions actually been completed on the assumed date or for the periods presented, or which may be realized in the future. The pro forma adjustments are based on the information currently available and the assumptions and estimates underlying the pro forma adjustments are described in the accompanying notes. Actual results may differ materially from the assumptions within the accompanying unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information.

Description of the Business Combination

On May 15, 2022, Chardan entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “*Business Combination Agreement*,” and together with the other agreements and transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement, the “*Business Combination*”) with CNTQ2 Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Chardan (“*Merger Sub*”), and Dragonfly Energy Corp., a Nevada corporation (“*Dragonfly*”). Pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Agreement, a business combination between Chardan and Dragonfly will be effected through the merger of Merger Sub with and into Dragonfly, with Dragonfly surviving the merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Chardan (the “*Merger*”).

At the closing of the Business Combination, the total consideration received by Dragonfly Equity Holders (shares and options) from Chardan will have an aggregate deemed value equal to \$400,000,000, payable, in the case of Dragonfly Equity Holders, solely in new shares of Common Stock. The new shares of Common Stock will be deliverable to Dragonfly Equity Holders (including to holders of the Dragonfly preferred shares to be converted to common shares) and will be allocated pro rata between the holders of Dragonfly common stock and options to acquire Dragonfly common stock, contingent upon the Closing. Based on the number of shares of Dragonfly common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2021 (together, solely for the purposes of this calculation, with additional Dragonfly shares issued upon exercise of Dragonfly Convertible Preferred Stock) on a fully-diluted and as-converted basis, taking into account the assumptions further described below, Dragonfly Stockholders will receive an estimated 36,700,000 shares of Common Stock.

Following the closing of the Business Combination, former holders of shares of Dragonfly common stock (including shares received as a result of the Dragonfly Preferred Stock Conversion) will be entitled to receive their pro rata share of up to 40,000,000 additional Earnout Shares of Common Stock. The Earnout Shares will be issuable in three tranches. The first tranche of 15,000,000 shares is issuable if New Dragonfly's 2023 total audited revenue is equal to or greater than \$250 million and New Dragonfly's 2023 audited operating income is equal to or greater than \$35 million. The second tranche of 12,500,000 shares is issuable upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price threshold of at least \$22.50 on or prior to December 31, 2026, and the third tranche of 12,500,000 shares is issuable upon achieving a volume-weighted average trading price threshold of at least \$32.50 on or prior to December 31, 2028. To the extent not previously earned, the second tranche is issuable if the \$32.50 price target is achieved by December 31, 2028.

The accounting treatment of the Earnout Shares is expected to be recognized at fair value upon the closing of the Business Combination and classified in stockholders' equity. Because the Business Combination is accounted for as a reverse recapitalization, the issuance of the Earnout Shares will be treated as a deemed dividend and since New Dragonfly will not have retained earnings on a pro forma basis, the issuance will be recorded within additional-paid-in-capital. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information does not reflect pro forma adjustments related to the recognition of these shares because there is no net impact on additional paid-in capital on a pro forma combined basis. We expect to finalize our assessment of the accounting treatment prior to the Closing, if the Earnout Shares are determined to be classified as a liability on the balance sheet then New Dragonfly would recognize subsequent changes in the fair value of such Earnout Shares recognized as a gain or loss at each reporting period during the earnout period, pursuant to the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification 815, Derivatives and Hedging (ASC 815).

Subscription Agreement

In connection with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan entered into the Subscription Agreement with the Sponsor pursuant to which the Sponsor has agreed to purchase, and Chardan has agreed to sell to the Sponsor 500,000 shares of Chardan common stock, for a purchase price of \$10.00 per share and an aggregate purchase price of \$5 million. Although Chardan Capital Market's obligation may be reduced by the number of Chardan shares, if any, purchased by the Sponsor on the open market and not redeemed at closing, the pro forma financial information set forth herein assumes no such reduction. The purchase obligations under the Subscription Agreement are conditioned upon, among other things, customary closing conditions and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement.

The Term Loan

Also in connection with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly entered into the Debt Commitment Letter with the Facilities Lenders committing to purchase \$75 million in principal amount of Term Loan. In connection with the Term Loan, the Facilities Lenders will receive the Penny Warrants (in respect of 3.6% of fully-diluted outstanding shares of Common Stock post-closing) and the \$10 Warrants (in respect of 1,600,000 shares of Common Stock). The obligations of the Term Loan Lenders to provide such financing under the Debt Commitment Letter are subject to the negotiation of definitive documentation in respect of this financing and a number of customary conditions. Management expects to finalize the anticipated accounting treatment of the Term Loan and associated warrants upon the execution of the definitive documentation.

Equity Facility

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan, Dragonfly and the Equity Facility Investor entered into an equity facility letter agreement (the “*Equity Facility Letter Agreement*”), pursuant to which Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into definitive documentation (the “*Equity Facility Definitive Documentation*”) to establish a committed equity facility (the “*Equity Facility*”) prior to the Closing Date. The Equity Facility Definitive Documentation will reflect the terms in the Equity Facility Letter Agreement and customary for documentation of this nature. Pursuant to and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions to be set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, including the filing and effectiveness of a registration statement registering the resale by the Equity Facility Investor of the shares of New Dragonfly Common Stock issued to it under the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, New Dragonfly will have the right from time to time at its option to direct the Equity Facility Investor to purchase up to a specified maximum amount of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, up to a maximum aggregate purchase price of \$150,000,000 over the 36-month term of the Equity Facility. While there will be distinct differences, the Equity Facility will be structured similarly to a traditional at-the-market equity facility, insofar as it will allow New Dragonfly to raise primary equity capital on a periodic basis outside the context of a traditional underwritten follow-on offering. As consideration for providing such commitment, New Dragonfly has agreed to issue the Equity Facility Commitment Shares having a value of \$1 million based on the volume-weighted average trading price of New Dragonfly common stock for the five-day period immediately preceding the earlier of (a) the thirtieth (30th) trading day following the Closing and (b) the first date of effectiveness of the Registration Statement.

The pro forma adjustments giving effect to the Business Combination and related transactions are summarized below, and are discussed further in the footnotes to these unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements:

- the consummation of the Business Combination and reclassification of cash held in Chardan’s Trust Account to cash and cash equivalents, net of redemptions (see below);
- the consummation of the Subscription Agreements;
- the consummation of the Term Loan;
- the Equity Facility commitment fee;
- the repayment of existing debt; and
- the accounting for certain offering costs and transaction costs incurred by both Chardan and Dragonfly.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information has been prepared using the assumptions below with respect to the potential redemption into cash of shares of Chardan ordinary shares:

- **Assuming No Redemptions:** This scenario assumes that no public stockholders of Chardan exercise redemption rights with respect to their public shares for a pro rata share of the funds in the Trust Account.
- **Assuming Maximum Redemptions:** This scenario assumes that 12,650,000 shares of Chardan common stock subject to redemption are redeemed for an aggregate payment of approximately \$128.4 million (based on an estimated per share redemption price of approximately \$10.15 that was calculated using the \$128.4 million of cash in the Trust Account divided by 12,650,000 Chardan shares of Common Stock subject to redemption assuming the pro forma maximum redemption scenario pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement).

The following summarizes the pro forma ownership of common stock of Chardan following the Business Combination, the PIPE Investment, the Equity Facility and the Term Loan under both the no redemption and maximum redemption scenarios:

	Assuming Minimum Redemptions (Shares)	%	Assuming Maximum Redemptions (Shares)	%
Dragonfly existing shareholders ⁽¹⁾	36,698,666	67.3%	36,698,666	87.6%
Chardan existing public stockholders ⁽²⁾	12,650,000	23.2%	—	—%
Initial Stockholders ⁽³⁾	3,162,500	5.8%	3,162,500	7.5%
PIPE Investor	500,000	0.9%	500,000	1.2%
Term Loan Lender ⁽⁴⁾	1,536,367	2.8%	1,536,367	3.6%
Pro forma Common Stock at December 31, 2021⁽⁵⁾	<u>54,547,533</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>41,897,533</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

(1) Excludes 40,000,000 Earnout Shares of Common Stock as the earnout contingencies have not yet been met.

(2) Excludes 9,487,500 Public Warrants.

(3) Excludes 4,627,858 Private Warrants.

(4) Includes the Penny Warrants due to their nominal exercise price. Excludes 1,600,000 \$10 Warrants.

(5) Excludes shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Equity Facility Letter Agreement after Closing.

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	CNTQ (Historical)	Dragonfly (Historical)	Transaction Accounting Adjustments (Assuming No Redemptions)		Pro Forma Combined (Assuming No Redemptions)	Transaction Accounting Adjustments (Assuming Maximum Redemptions)		Pro Forma Combined (Assuming Maximum Redemptions)
ASSETS								
Current assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 800	\$25,586	\$ 128,421	A	\$155,523	\$(128,421)	J	\$35,102
			77,750	B		8,000	K	
			(27,078)	C				
			(41,956)	D				
			(8,000)	H				
Restricted cash	—	3,044	(3,044)	D	—			—
Accounts receivable	—	783	—		783			783
Inventory	—	27,127	—		27,127			27,127
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	303	2,080	—		2,383			2,383
Prepaid inventory	—	7,461	—		7,461			7,461
Deferred issuance costs	—	—	1,000		1,000	—		1,000
Total current assets	1,103	66,081	127,093		194,277	(120,421)		73,856
Investments held in Trust Account	128,421	—	(128,421)	A	—			—
Property and equipment, net	—	4,461	—		4,461			4,461
Operating lease right of use asset	—	5,709	—		5,709			5,709
Total assets	<u>\$129,524</u>	<u>\$76,251</u>	<u>\$ (2,328)</u>		<u>\$203,447</u>	<u>\$(120,421)</u>		<u>\$83,026</u>
LIABILITIES, TEMPORARY EQUITY AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)								
Current liabilities:								
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 114	\$13,968	\$ —		\$ 14,082	\$ —		14,082
Customer deposits	—	434	—		434			434
Income tax payable	—	631	—		631			631
Notes payable, current portion	—	1,875	(1,875)	D	—			—
Operating lease liability, current portion	—	1,082	—		1,082			1,082
Obligation to issue common stock	—	—	1,000		1,000	—		1,000
Total current liabilities	114	17,990	(875)		17,229	—		16,229
Deferred tax liabilities	—	453	—		453			453
Operating lease liability, net of current portion	—	4,694	—		4,694			4,694
Notes payable-non current, net of debt discount	—	37,053	53,040	B	53,040			53,040
Warrant liabilities	2,036	—	—		2,036			2,036
Total liabilities	2,150	60,190	15,112		77,452	—		77,452
Common stock subject to possible redemption	128,398	—	(128,398)	E	—	—		—
Convertible preferred stock	—	2,000	(2,000)	F	—	—		—
Stockholders' equity (deficit)								
Common stock	1	4	1	B	40	(13)	J	27
			1	E				
			33	F				
Additional paid-in capital	—	1,619	24,709	B	139,239	(128,408)	J	10,831
			(16,428)	C				
			128,397	E				
			1,967	F				
			(1,025)	G				
Accumulated (deficit) earnings	(1,025)	12,438	(10,650)	C	(12,284)	8,000	K	(4,284)
			(6,072)	D				
			1,025	G				
			(8,000)	H				
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)	(1,024)	14,061	113,958		126,995	(120,421)		6,574
Total liabilities, temporary equity and stockholders' equity (deficit)	<u>\$129,524</u>	<u>\$76,251</u>	<u>\$ (1,328)</u>		<u>\$204,447</u>	<u>\$(120,421)</u>		<u>\$84,026</u>

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	CNTQ (Historical)	Dragonfly (Historical)	Transaction Accounting Adjustments (Assuming No Redemptions)		Pro Forma Combined (Assuming No Redemptions)	Transaction Accounting Adjustments (Assuming Maximum Redemptions)	Pro Forma Combined (Assuming Maximum Redemptions)
Net Sales	\$ —	\$ 78,000	\$ —		\$ 78,000	\$ —	\$ 78,000
Cost of goods sold	—	48,375	—		48,375	—	48,375
Operating expenses:							
Formation and operating costs	292	—	—		292	—	292
Franchise tax expense	66	—	—		66	—	66
Research and development	—	2,689	—		2,689	—	2,689
General and administrative	—	10,621	10,650	BB	29,271	(8,000)	FF 21,271
			8,000	CC			
Selling and marketing	—	9,848	—		9,848	—	9,848
(Loss) income from operations	(358)	6,467	(18,650)		(12,541)	8,000	(4,541)
Other income (expense):							
Other income	—	1	—		1	—	1
Interest expense	—	(519)	519	DD	—	—	—
			(12,756)	EE	(12,756)	—	(12,756)
Warrant issuance costs	(19)	—	—		(19)	—	(19)
Loss on sale of private warrants	(1,254)	—	—		(1,254)	—	(1,254)
Net gain on investments held in Trust Account	24	—	(24)	AA	—	—	—
Change in fair value of warrant liability	3,517	—	—		3,517	—	3,517
Total other income (expense)	2,268	(518)	(12,261)		(10,511)	—	(10,511)
Income (loss) before income taxes	1,910	5,949	(30,911)		(23,052)	8,000	(15,052)
Income tax expense	—	1,611	—		1,611	—	1,611
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 1,910</u>	<u>\$ 4,338</u>	<u>\$ (30,911)</u>		<u>\$ (24,663)</u>	<u>\$ 8,000</u>	<u>\$ (16,663)</u>
Net income (loss) per share (Note 4):							
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic	7,732,021	20,101,129					
Net income per share – basic	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.15					
Weighted average shares outstanding – diluted	7,991,952	21,931,108					
Net income per share – diluted	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.13					
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic and diluted					54,547,533		41,897,533
Net loss per share – basic and diluted					\$ (0.45)		\$ (0.40)

NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The Business Combination will be accounted for as a reverse recapitalization, with no goodwill or other intangible assets recorded, in accordance with GAAP. Under this method of accounting, Chardan will be treated as the “accounting acquiree” and Dragonfly as the “accounting acquirer” for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, for accounting purposes, the Business Combination will be treated as the equivalent of Dragonfly issuing shares for the net assets of Chardan, followed by a recapitalization. The net assets of Dragonfly will be stated at historical cost. Operations prior to the Business Combination will be those of Dragonfly.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet as of December 31, 2021 gives effect to the Business Combination and related transactions as if they occurred on December 31, 2021. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statements of operations for the year ended December 31, 2021 gives effect to the Business Combination and related transactions as if they occurred on January 1, 2021. These periods are presented on the basis that Dragonfly is the acquirer for accounting purposes.

The pro forma adjustments reflecting the consummation of the Business Combination and the related transaction are based on certain currently available information and certain assumptions and methodologies that Chardan management believes are reasonable under the circumstances. The unaudited condensed combined pro forma adjustments, which are described in the accompanying notes, may be revised as additional information becomes available and is evaluated. Therefore, it is likely that the actual adjustments will differ from the pro forma adjustments, and it is possible that the difference may be material. Chardan management believes that its assumptions and methodologies provide a reasonable basis for presenting all of the significant effects of the Business Combination and the related transactions based on information available to management at this time and that the pro forma adjustments give appropriate effect to those assumptions and are properly applied in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information does not give effect to any anticipated synergies, operating efficiencies, tax savings, or cost savings that may be associated with the Business Combination. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information is not necessarily indicative of what the actual results of operations and financial position would have been had the Business Combination and related transactions taken place on the dates indicated, nor are they indicative of the future consolidated results of operations or financial position of the post-combination company. They should be read in conjunction with the historical financial statements and notes thereto of Chardan and Dragonfly.

Note 2. Accounting Policies and Reclassifications

Upon consummation of the Business Combination, management will perform a comprehensive review of the two entities’ accounting policies. As a result of the review, management may identify differences between the accounting policies of the two entities which, when conformed, could have a material impact on the financial statements of the post-combination company. Based on its initial analysis, management did not identify any differences that would have a material impact on the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information. As a result, the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information does not assume any differences in accounting policies.

As part of the preparation of these unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements, certain reclassifications were made to align Chardan’s financial statement presentation with that of Dragonfly.

Note 3. Adjustments to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information has been prepared to illustrate the effect of the Business Combination and related transactions and has been prepared for informational purposes only.

The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information has been prepared in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X as amended by the final rule, Release No. 33-10786 “Amendments to Financial Disclosures about Acquired and Disposed Businesses.” Release No. 33-10786

replaces the existing pro forma adjustment criteria with simplified requirements to depict the accounting for the transaction (“Transaction Accounting Adjustments”) and present the reasonably estimable synergies and other transaction effects that have occurred or are reasonably expected to occur (“Management’s Adjustments”). Chardan has elected not to present Management’s Adjustments and will only be presenting Transaction Accounting Adjustments in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information. Chardan and Dragonfly have not had any historical relationship prior to the Business Combination. Accordingly, no pro forma adjustments were required to eliminate activities between the companies.

The pro forma basic and diluted earnings per share amounts presented in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations are based upon the number of Dragonfly’s ordinary shares outstanding, assuming the Business Combination and related transactions occurred on January 1, 2021.

Adjustments to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet

The adjustments included in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet as of December 31, 2021 are as follows:

- A. Reflects the reclassification of \$128.4 million held in the Trust Account to cash and cash equivalents that becomes available at closing of the Business Combination, assuming no redemptions.
- B. Represents cash proceeds of \$77.8 million pursuant to the PIPE Investment and the Term Loan. Pursuant to the PIPE Investment an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Chardan common stock is issued at a purchase price of \$10.00 per share and an aggregate purchase price of \$5.0 million and corresponding offset to additional-paid-in-capital. The Term Loan involves issuance of \$75.0 million in principal amount of term loans (with an original issue discount of 3%) and the related issuance of the Term Loan Lender Warrants (the Penny Warrants and the \$10 Warrants) for proceeds of \$72.8 million. Interest will accrue on all outstanding principal amount of the term loans at approximately 12% per annum, partially payable quarterly and paid-in-kind. The Company determined that the Term Loan Lender Warrants will be equity-classified. For purposes of the unaudited pro forma condensed combined balance sheet, the estimated fair value of the Term Loan Lender Warrants of \$26.7 million will be recorded as a debt discount with an offset to additional-paid-in capital. The fair value of the Term Loan Lender Warrants was based on a Black-Scholes simulation with key inputs and assumptions such as stock price, term, dividend yield, risk-free rate, and volatility.
- C. Represents estimated transaction costs of \$27.1 million in relation to the Business Combination. Estimated transaction costs are comprised of equity issuance costs of \$16.4 million that are offset to additional-paid-in-capital, primarily consisting of \$4.4 million pursuant to a Business Combination Marketing Agreement with Chardan Capital Markets, \$1.2 million pursuant to a financial advisory agreement with Chardan Capital Markets, \$2.7 million and \$8.0 million pursuant to financial advisory agreements with Stifel and \$0.1 million pursuant to other advisory agreements. Approximately \$4.0 million and \$3.0 million in estimated legal costs are estimated to be incurred by Dragonfly and Chardan, respectively, that directly result from and are to be expensed as part of the Business Combination. Approximately \$3.7 million of printing, legal and accounting services including the Duff & Phelps fairness opinion are estimated to be incurred by Chardan and Dragonfly to be expensed as part of the Business Combination and recorded in accumulated deficit. Chardan and Dragonfly continue to evaluate eligible costs that may need to be allocated to the respective instruments issued or assumed pursuant to the Business Combination.
- D. Represents repayment of outstanding principal indebtedness of Dragonfly totaling \$45.0 million and the write off of unamortized debt discount totaling \$6.1 million.
- E. Reflects the reclassification of approximately \$128.4 million of Common Stock subject to possible redemption to permanent equity.
- F. Represents recapitalization of Dragonfly’s outstanding equity as a result of the reverse recapitalization and the issuance of Common Stock to Dragonfly Equity Holders as consideration for the reverse recapitalization.

- G. Reflects the reclassification of Chardan's historical accumulated deficit into additional paid-in capital as part of the reverse recapitalization.
- H. Represents estimated transaction bonus payments to certain Dragonfly executives. The bonus payments are contingent on the cash remaining after the Business Combination after the payment of transaction expenses and repayment of existing indebtedness of Dragonfly, as well as the amount of public warrants exercised following completion of the Business Combination. The transaction bonuses are estimated to total \$8.0 under the No Redemptions scenario. Transaction bonuses under the Maximum Redemptions scenario are not expected to be significant.
- I. Represents and obligation to issue shares of New Dragonfly common stock approximately 30 days after Closing and having a value of \$1 million as commitment consideration for the Equity Facility.
- J. Reflects a scenario in which 12,650,000 Public Shares are redeemed in connection with the Business Combination, for aggregate payments to redeeming Public Shareholders of \$128.4 million (assuming a redemption price of \$10.15 per share), allocated to Common Stock and additional paid-in capital using par value \$0.001 per share.
- K. Represents adjustment to the estimated transaction bonus payments to certain Dragonfly executives under the Maximum Redemptions scenario. Refer to Adjustment H.

Adjustments to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statements of Operations

The pro forma adjustments included in the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2021 are as follows:

- AA. Reflects elimination of investment income on the Trust Account.
- BB. Reflects the estimated transaction costs of approximate \$10.7 million as if incurred on January 1, 2021, the date the Business Combination occurred for the purposes of the unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations. This is a non-recurring item.
- CC. Represents estimated transaction bonus payments to certain Dragonfly executives. The bonus payments are contingent on the cash balance after the Business Combination after the payment of transaction expenses and repayment of existing indebtedness of Dragonfly. The transaction bonuses are estimated to total \$8.0 under the No Redemptions scenario. No bonuses are expected to be paid under the Maximum Redemptions scenario.
- DD. Represents the elimination of interest expense recognized on existing Dragonfly indebtedness as if the Business Combination closed, and the indebtedness was settled, on January 1, 2021.
- EE. Represents the recognition of interest expense on the Term Loan Facility as if the facility was executed on January 1, 2021.
- FF. Represents adjustment to the estimated transaction bonus payments to certain Dragonfly executives under the Maximum Redemptions scenario. Refer to Adjustment CC.

Note 4. Net Loss per Share

Net loss per share was calculated using the historical weighted average shares outstanding, and the issuance of additional shares in connection with the Business Combination and the related transactions, assuming the shares were outstanding since January 1, 2021. As the Business Combination and the related transactions are being reflected as if they had occurred at the beginning of the period presented, the calculation of weighted average shares outstanding for basic and diluted net loss per share assumes that the shares issuable relating to the Business Combination and related have been outstanding for the entirety of all periods presented.

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information has been prepared to present two alternative scenarios with respect to redemption of Common Stock by Chardan Public Stockholders at the time of the Business Combination for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	Year Ended December 31, 2021 ⁽¹⁾	
	Assuming No Redemptions	Assuming Maximum Redemptions
Pro forma net loss	\$ (24,663)	\$ (16,663)
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic and diluted ⁽²⁾	54,547,533	41,897,533
Pro forma net loss per share – basic and diluted	\$ (0.45)	\$ (0.40)
<i>Excluded securities:</i> ⁽³⁾		
Public Warrants	9,487,500	9,487,500
Private Warrants	4,627,858	4,627,858
Dragonfly Options	4,075,348	4,075,348
\$10 Warrants	1,600,000	1,600,000

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- (1) Pro forma income (loss) per share includes the related pro forma adjustments as referred to within the section “Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information.”
- (2) Includes 1,536,367 Penny Warrants due to their nominal exercise price. Excludes shares of common stock issuable after Closing pursuant to the Equity Facility.
- (3) The potentially dilutive outstanding securities were excluded from the computation of pro forma net loss per share, basic and diluted, because their effect would have been anti-dilutive, issuance or vesting of such shares is contingent upon the satisfaction of certain conditions which were not satisfied by the end of the periods presented.

DRAGONFLY'S MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations together with the “Dragonfly’s Selected Historical Financial Information” section of this proxy statement/prospectus and our financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus. Some of the information contained in this discussion and analysis or set forth elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, including information with respect to Dragonfly’s plans and strategy for its business and related financing, includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. As a result of many factors, including those factors set forth in the “Risk Factors” section of this proxy statement/prospectus, our actual results could differ materially from the results described in or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in the following discussion and analysis. Unless context otherwise requires, all references in this section to “we,” “us,” or “our” refer to Dragonfly prior to the Business Combination.

Overview

Founded in 2012 and based in Reno, Nevada, we are a manufacturer of non-toxic deep cycle lithium-ion batteries that are designed to displace lead acid batteries in a number of different storage applications and end markets including recreational vehicle (“RV”), marine vessel, and solar and off-grid industries, with disruptive solid-state cell technology currently under development. Our mission is to develop technology to deliver environmentally impactful and affordable solutions for energy storage to everyone globally.

Since 2018, we have sold over 150,000 batteries. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021, we sold 51,434 and 74,652 batteries, respectively, corresponding to \$47.2 million and \$78.0 million in net sales, respectively. We currently offer a line of batteries across our “Battle Born” and “Dragonfly” brands, each differentiated by size, power and capacity, consisting of eight different models, four of which come with a heated option. We primarily sell “Battle Born” branded batteries directly to consumers and “Dragonfly” branded batteries to OEMs.

Our increased total sales reflects a combination of: increasing direct-to-consumer sales of batteries for RV applications; expanding into the marine vessels and off-grid storage markets with related direct-to-consumer sales; selling batteries to RV OEMs; and reselling accessories for battery systems. Our RV OEM customers currently include Keystone, Airstream, Thor, and REV, and we are in ongoing discussions with a number of additional RV OEMs to further increase adoption of our products. Related efforts include seeking to have RV OEMs “design in” our batteries as original equipment and entering into arrangements with members of the various OEM dealer networks to stock our batteries for service and for aftermarket replacement sales. Our existing customer base has historically included distributors, which purchase large quantities of batteries from us and sell to customers. As we have increased our direct-to-consumer sales and expanded our relationships with RV OEMs, our sales to, and therefore reliance on, distributors has decreased.

We currently source the LFP cells incorporated into our batteries from a limited number of carefully selected suppliers that can meet our demanding quality standards and with whom we have developed long-term relationships.

To supplement our battery offerings, we are also a reseller of accessories for battery systems. These include chargers, inverters, monitors, controllers and other system accessories from brands such as Victron Energy, Progressive Dynamics, Magnum Energy and Sterling Power. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2021, sales from these accessories were \$7.0 million and \$14.8 million, respectively.

In addition to our conventional LFP batteries, our experienced research and development team, headed by our co-founder and CEO, is currently developing the next generation of LFP solid-state cells. Since our founding, we have been developing proprietary solid-state cell technology and manufacturing processes for which we have issued patents and pending patent applications, where appropriate. Solid-state technology eliminates the use of a liquid electrolyte, which addresses the residual heat and flammability issues arising from traditional lithium-ion batteries. The unique competitive advantage of our solid-state battery cell is highlighted by our dry deposition technology, which completely displaces the need for toxic solvents in the manufacturing process and allows for the rapid and scalable production of solid-state cells having an intercalation anode, like graphite or silicon. Other solid-state technology companies are focused on a denser

lithium metal anode, which tends to form icicle-like dendrites inside the cell and lacks the cyclability of an intercalation anode. Our design allows for a much safer, more efficient cell that we believe will be a key differentiator in the energy storage market. Additionally, our internal production of solid-state cells will streamline our supply chain, allowing us to vertically integrate our cells into our batteries, thereby lowering our production costs as a result of our proprietary cost-effective manufacturing processes.

The Business Combination

At Closing of the Business Combination, all (i) shares of Dragonfly common stock (after giving effect to the conversion of Dragonfly preferred stock into Dragonfly common stock pursuant to Dragonfly's governing documents) and (ii) options to acquire shares of Dragonfly common stock (as defined below and as described further in the immediately succeeding paragraph), in each case outstanding as of immediately prior to the Closing, will be cancelled in exchange for the right to receive shares of New Dragonfly common stock or assumed and converted into options to acquire shares of New Dragonfly common stock totaling 40,000,000 shares (at a deemed value of \$10.00 per share).

Further, as a result of the Merger, existing holders of Dragonfly capital stock will have the right to receive, up to an aggregate of 40,000,000 Earnout Shares in three tranches and payable based on the achievement of specified audited financial milestones in 2023 and specified post-Closing volume-weighted average trading price thresholds for New Dragonfly common stock.

In addition to amounts remaining in Chardan's trust account after giving effect to redemptions, financing to fund the Business Combination will include the PIPE Investment and the Term Loan. Approximately \$45 million of such proceeds will be used to repay the \$45 million fixed rate senior notes we issued in November 2021. In addition, pursuant to the Equity Facility Letter Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly have agreed to establish the \$150,000,000 Equity Facility prior to the Closing Date.

As consideration for providing the Term Loan, in addition to agreed commitment fees, the Term Loan Facility Lenders will receive the Penny Warrants exercisable to purchase 3.6% of New Dragonfly's common stock on a fully-diluted basis, calculated as of the Closing Date and the \$10 Warrants exercisable for 1,600,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock. As consideration for its Equity Facility commitment, post-Closing the Equity Facility Investor will be issued the Equity Facility Commitment Shares having a value of \$1 million determined based on the applicable trading price at the time of issuance.

The Debt Commitment Letter and Equity Facility Letter Agreement have been agreed in connection with the Term Loan and Equity Facility, respectively. The availability of these facilities is subject to the negotiation and execution of related definitive documentation, customary funding conditions and closing of the Business Combination. For further details on the Business Combination, see the section entitled, "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal*".

Accounting Treatment for the Business Combination

The Business Combination will be accounted for as a reverse recapitalization, with no goodwill or other intangible assets recorded, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Under this method of accounting, Chardan is treated as the "acquired" company for financial reporting purposes. Dragonfly has been determined to be the accounting acquirer because Dragonfly, as a group, will retain a majority of the outstanding shares of New Dragonfly as of the closing of the Business Combination, they have nominated five of the seven members of the board of directors as of the closing of the Business Combination, Dragonfly's management will continue to manage New Dragonfly and Dragonfly's business will comprise the ongoing operations of New Dragonfly.

Key Factors Affecting Dragonfly's Results of Operations

Our financial position and results of operations depend to a significant extent on the following factors:

End Market Consumers

The demand for our products ultimately depends on demand from consumers in our current end markets. We generate sales through (1) direct sales to consumers ("DTC") and (2) through OEMs, particularly in the RV market.

An increasing proportion of our sales has been and is expected to continue to be derived from sales to RV OEMs, driven by continued efforts to develop and expand sales to RV OEMs with whom we have longstanding relationships. Our RV OEM sales have been on a purchase order basis, without firm revenue commitments, and we expect that this will likely continue to be the case. Therefore, future RV OEM sales will be subject risks and uncertainties, including the number of RVs these OEMs manufacture and sell, which in turn may be driven by the expectations these OEMs have around end market consumer demand.

Demand from end market consumers is impacted by a number of factors, including travel restrictions (as a result of COVID-19 or otherwise), fuel costs and energy demands (including an increasing trend towards the use of green energy), as well as overall macro-economic conditions. Sales of our batteries have also benefited from the increased adoption of the RV lifestyle and the demand for additional appliances and electronics in RVs during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we also experienced delays and disruptions in our supply chain, as well as labor shortages and shutdowns, which disrupted the production of our batteries and impacted our ability to keep up with customer demand. In addition, the spreading of the virus may make it more difficult for us to find alternative suppliers due to the high concentration of such suppliers located in China.

Our strategy includes plans to expand into new end markets that we have identified as opportunities for our LFP batteries, including industrial vehicles, specialty and work vehicles, and emergency and standby power, as well as solar integration, in the medium term, and material handling, on-grid storage, telecom, and data centers in the longer term. We believe that our current LFP batteries and, eventually, our solid-state batteries, will be well-suited to supplant traditional lead-acid batteries as a reliable power source for the variety of low power density uses required in these markets (such as powering the increasing number of on-board tools needed in emergency vehicles). The success of this strategy requires (1) continued growth of these addressable markets in line with our expectations and (2) our ability to successfully enter these markets. We expect to incur significant marketing costs understanding these new markets, and researching and targeting customers in these end markets, which may not result in sales. If we fail to execute on this growth strategy in accordance with our expectations, our sales growth would be limited to the growth of existing products and existing end markets.

Supply

We currently rely on two carefully selected cell manufacturers located in China, and a single supplier, also located in China, to manufacture our proprietary battery management system, and we intend to continue to rely on these suppliers going forward. Our close working relationships with our China-based LFP cell suppliers, reflected in our ability to (x) increase our purchase order volumes (qualifying us for related volume-based discounts) and (y) order and receive delivery of cells in anticipation of required demand, has helped us moderate increased supply-related costs associated with currency fluctuations and U.S. government tariffs imposed on our imported battery cells and to avoid potential shipment delays. As a result of global supply chain disruptions we have, however, experienced a build-up in inventory and a significant increase in prepaid inventory as suppliers have required upfront deposits.

As a result of our battery chemistry, we have not been subject to the shortages or price impacts that have been present for manufacturers of nickel manganese cobalt and nickel cobalt aluminum batteries. As we look toward the production of our solid-state cells, we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with a lithium mining company located in Nevada for the supply of lithium, which we expect will enable us to further manage our cost of goods.

Product and Customer Mix

Our product sales consist of sales of eight different models of LFP batteries, along with accessories for battery systems (individually or bundled). These products are sold to different customer types (e.g., consumers, OEMs and distributors) and at different prices and involve varying levels of costs. In any particular period, changes in the products are sold and volume of particular products sold and the prices of those products relative to other products will impact our average selling price and our cost of goods sold. Although OEM sales typically result in lower average selling prices and related margins, the reduction is offset by the benefits of increased sales volumes. Sales of third-party sourced accessories (whether sold individually or as part of a bundle) typically have lower related margin. We expect DTC accessory sales to increase as we further develop full-system design expertise and product offerings and consumers increasingly demand more sophisticated systems, rather than simple drop-in replacement. In addition to the impacts attributable to the general sales mix across our products and accessories, our results of operations are impacted by the relative margins of products sold. As we continue to introduce new products at varying price points, our overall gross margin may vary from period to period as a result of changes in product and customer mix.

Production Capacity

All of our battery assembly currently takes place at our 99,000 square foot headquarters and manufacturing facility located in Reno, Nevada. We currently operate two LFP battery production lines. Consistent with our operating history, we plan to continue to automate additional aspects of our battery production lines. Our existing facility has the capacity to add four additional LFP battery production lines and construct and operate a pilot production line for our solid-state cells, all designed to maximize the capacity of our manufacturing facility. Although our automation efforts are expected to reduce our costs of goods, we may not fully recognize the anticipated savings when planned and could experience additional costs or disruptions to our production activities.

Competition

We compete with traditional lead-acid battery manufacturers and lithium-ion battery manufacturers, who primarily either import their products or components or manufacture products under a private label. As we continue to expand into new markets, develop new products and move towards production of our solid-state cells, we will experience competition with a wider range of companies. These competitors may have greater resources than we do, and may be able to devote greater resources to the development of their current and future technologies. Our competitors may be able to source materials and components at lower costs, which may require us to evaluate measures to reduce our own costs, lower the price of our products or increase sales volumes in order to maintain our expected levels of profitability.

Research and Development

Our research and development is primarily focused on the advanced manufacturing of solid-state lithium-ion batteries using an LFP catholyte, a solid electrolyte and an intercalation-based anolyte (intercalation being the reversible inclusion of a molecule or ion into layered solids). The next stage in our technical development is to construct the battery to optimize performance and longevity to meet and exceed industry standards for our target storage markets. Ongoing testing and optimizing of more complicated batteries incorporating layered pouch cells will assist us in determining the optimal cell chemistry to enhance conductivity and increase the number of cycles (charge and discharge) in the cell lifecycle. This is expected to require significant additional expense, and the funds available to us upon Closing will enable us to continue these research and development efforts.

Components of Results of Operations

Net Sales

Net sales is primarily generated from the sale of our LFP batteries to OEMs and consumers, as well as chargers and other accessories, either individually or bundled.

Cost of Goods Sold

Cost of goods sold includes the cost of cells and other components of our LFP batteries, labor and overhead, logistics and freight costs, and depreciation and amortization of manufacturing equipment.

Gross Profit

Gross profit, calculated as net sales less cost of goods sold, may vary between periods and is primarily affected by various factors including average selling prices, product costs, product mix, customer mix and production volumes.

Operating Expenses

Research and development

Research and development costs include personnel-related expenses for scientists, experienced engineers and technicians as well as the material and supplies to support the development of new products and our solid-state technology. As we work towards completing the development of our solid-state lithium-ion cells and the manufacturing of batteries that incorporate this technology, we anticipate that research and development expenses will increase significantly for the foreseeable future as we continue to invest in product development and optimizing and producing solid-state cells.

General and administrative

General and administrative costs include personnel-related expenses attributable to our executive, finance, human resources, and information technology organizations, certain facility costs, and fees for professional services.

Selling and marketing

Selling and marketing costs include personnel-related expenses, as well as trade show, industry event, marketing, customer support, and other indirect costs. We expect to continue to make the necessary sales and marketing investments to enable the execution of our strategy, which includes expanding into additional end markets.

Total Other Income (Expense)

Other income (expense) consists primarily of interest expense and debt issuance costs.

Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

The following table sets forth our results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020. This data should be read together with our financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such financial statements and related notes.

	Years ended December 31,			
	2021	% Net Sales	2020	% Net Sales
	(in thousands)			
Net Sales	\$78,000	100.0	\$47,187	100.0
Cost of Goods Sold	48,375	62.0	26,580	56.3
Gross profit	29,625	38.0	20,607	43.7
Operating expenses				
Research and development	2,689	3.4	1,239	2.6
General and administrative	10,621	13.6	5,960	12.6
Sales and marketing	9,848	12.6	4,662	9.9
Total Operating expenses	23,158	29.7	11,861	25.1
Income From Operations	6,467	8.3	8,746	18.5
Other Income (Expense)				
Other Income	1	0.0	15	0.0
Interest Income (Expense)	(519)	(.7)	3	0.0
Gain on disposition of assets	—	—	—	—
Total Other Income (Expense)	(518)	(.7)	18	0.0
Income Before Taxes	5,949	7.6	8,764	18.6
Income Tax Expense	1,611	2.1	1,886	4.0
Net Income	<u>\$ 4,338</u>	<u>5.6</u>	<u>\$ 6,878</u>	<u>14.6</u>

	Years ended December 31,		
	2021	2020	2019
	(in thousands)		
Retailer	59,042	33,314	12,297
Distributor	10,733	10,381	5,298
DTC	69,775	43,695	17,595
% Net Sales	89.4	92.6	95.3
OEM	8,225	3,492	865
% Net Sales	10.6	7.4	4.7
Net Sales	<u>\$78,000</u>	<u>\$47,187</u>	<u>\$18,460</u>

Net Sales

Net sales increased by \$30.8 million, or 63.9%, to \$78.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2021, as compared to \$47.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. This increase was primarily due to increased DTC sales and OEMs. For the year ended December 31, 2021, OEM revenue increased by \$4.7 million as a result of increased adoption our products by existing customers, several of whom have begun to “design in” our batteries in various RV models as original equipment or have increased purchases in response to end-customer demand for safer, more efficient batteries and as a replacement for traditional lead-acid batteries. DTC revenue increased by \$26.1 million as a result of increased customer demand for existing products and the introduction of new products.

Cost of Goods Sold

Cost of revenue increased by \$21.8 million, or 82.0%, to \$48.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, as compared to \$26.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. This increase was primarily due to higher unit volumes and higher headcount associated with increased production, and higher overhead costs which increased due to the Company’s relocation into a new 99,000 sq. ft. facility in April 2021.

Gross Profit

Gross profit increased by \$9.0 million, or 43.8%, to \$29.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, as compared to \$20.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. This increase was primarily due to the increase in revenue, partially offset by the increase in cost of goods sold.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses increased by \$1.5 million, or 117.0%, to \$2.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, as compared to \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. This increase was primarily due to increased headcount as we continued to build our research and development staff associated with our solid-state technology development efforts and increased patent expenses.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses increased by \$6.1 million, or 130.6%, to \$10.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, as compared to \$4.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. This increase was primarily due to increased headcount as we continued to expand our finance, legal and support teams, overhead costs associated with our large manufacturing facility and higher professional services fees arising from the Company's business combination efforts.

Selling and Marketing Expenses

Sales and marketing expenses increased by \$3.9 million, or 65.2%, to \$9.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, as compared to \$6.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. This increase was primarily due to the addition of sales and marketing personnel to support growth in our existing end markets, as well as to drive growth in the new, adjacent, end markets we are targeting, overhead costs associated with our large manufacturing facility, increased shipping expenses due to higher volumes and price increases, and advertising and sponsorship growth.

Total Other Income

Other income (expense) decreased to other expense of \$0.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, as compared to other income of \$0.02 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. This decrease was primarily due to interest expense related to the senior secured debt facility and a loss on the disposition of certain assets.

Income Tax Expense

Income tax expense decreased by \$0.3 million, or 14.6%, to \$1.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, as compared to \$1.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. This decrease was primarily due to lower income for the period.

Net Income

Net income decreased by \$2.5 million, or 37.0%, to \$4.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, as compared to \$6.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. This decrease was primarily due to higher costs which more than offset the increase in revenue for the period.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This proxy statement/prospectus includes Adjusted EBITDA, which is a non-GAAP measure that we use to supplement our results presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest and other income, tax and depreciation and amortization. Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as EBITDA adjusted for stock-based compensation, ERP implementation, non-recurring debt transaction and business combination expenses. Adjusted EBITDA is a performance measure that we believe is useful to investors and analysts because it illustrates the underlying financial and business trends relating to our core, recurring results of operations and enhances comparability between periods.

Adjusted EBITDA is not a recognized measure under U.S. GAAP and is not intended to be a substitute for any U.S. GAAP financial measure and, as calculated, may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of performance of other companies in other industries or within the same industry. Investors should exercise caution in comparing our non-GAAP measure to any similarly titled measure used by other companies. This non-GAAP measure excludes certain items required by U.S. GAAP and should not be considered as alternatives to information reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

The table below presents our adjusted EBITDA, reconciled to net income for the periods indicated.

	Years ended December 31,	
	2021	2020
	(in thousands)	
Net income	\$4,338	\$6,878
Interest and Other Income	518	(18)
Taxes	1,611	1,886
Depreciation and Amortization	617	198
EBITDA	7,084	8,944
Adjusted for:		
Stock-Based Compensation ⁽¹⁾	734	351
ERP Implementation ⁽²⁾	233	26
Debt Transaction ⁽³⁾	258	—
Loss on Disposal of Assets ⁽⁴⁾	121	—
Business Combination Expenses ⁽⁴⁾	295	49
Adjusted EBITDA	\$8,725	\$9,370

- (1) Stock-Based Compensation is comprised of costs associated with option grants made to our employees and consultants.
- (2) ERP Implementation is comprised of costs and expenses associated with our implementation of an ERP system in anticipation of the Business Combination and becoming a public company.
- (3) Debt Transaction is comprised of costs and expenses associated with our issuance of \$45 million fixed rate senior notes in November 2021.
- (4) Loss on Disposal of Assets is comprised of amounts in relation to leasehold improvements that were written off in April 2021 as part of the transfer of Dragonfly's operations to its new manufacturing facility.
- (5) Business Combination Expenses is comprised of fees and expense, including legal, accounting and other others, associated with the Business Combination.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Liquidity describes the ability of a company to generate sufficient cash flows to meet the cash requirements of its business operations, including working capital needs, debt service, acquisitions, contractual obligations and other commitments. We assess liquidity in terms of our cash flows from operations and their sufficiency to fund our operating and investing activities. As of December 31, 2021, our principal source of liquidity was cash totaling \$25.6 million.

In connection with the growth of our business and in anticipation of future needs, during 2021 we significantly increased our inventory purchasing activities. As a result, our year-end inventory balance increased by \$17.8 million to \$21.2 million at December 31, 2021 and our inventory prepayments increased by \$5.9 million to \$6.6 million.

We expect our capital expenditures and working capital requirements to increase materially in the near future, as we accelerate our research and development efforts (particularly those related to solid-state lithium-ion battery development), expand our production lines, scale up production operations and look to enter into

adjacent markets for our batteries (with operating expenses expected to increase across all major expense categories). We expect to deploy a significant amount of capital to continue our optimization and commercialization efforts dedicated to our solid-state technology development, as well as continued investment to automate and increase the production capacity of our existing assembly operation. We believe that our cash on hand following the Closing will be sufficient to meet our working capital and capital expenditure requirements for a period of at least twelve months from the date of this proxy statement/prospectus and longer term. We may, however, need additional cash if there are material changes to our business conditions or other developments, including unanticipated delays in production, supply chain challenges, disruptions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, competitive pressures and regulatory developments. To the extent that our resources are insufficient to satisfy our cash requirements, we may need to seek additional equity or debt financing. If the financing is not available, or if the terms of financing are less desirable than we expect, we may be forced to take actions to reduce our capital or operating expenditures, including by not seeking potential acquisition opportunities, eliminating redundancies, or reducing or delaying our production facility expansions, which may adversely affect our business, operating results, financial condition and prospects. For more information about risks related to our business, please see the sections entitled “*Risk Factors—Risks Related to Dragonfly’s Existing Lithium-Ion Battery Operations*” and “*—Risks Related to Dragonfly’s Solid-State Technology Development*”.

In addition to the foregoing, based on our current assessment, we do not expect any material adverse effect on our long-term liquidity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we will continue to assess the effect of the pandemic to our operations. The pandemic has in recent periods moderated in the United States following the availability of vaccines (although vaccination rates often vary by geography, age and other factors) and increased immunity (including natural immunity from infection). However, the extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic will affect our business and operations will depend on future developments that are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted with confidence. These uncertainties include the ultimate geographic spread of the disease (including emergence of new variants against which existing vaccinations or treatments may be ineffective), the duration of the pandemic and the perceived effectiveness of actions taken in the United States and other countries to contain and treat the disease. While the potential economic impact of COVID-19 may be difficult to assess or predict, a widespread pandemic alone or in combination with other events, such as the Russia/Ukraine conflict, could result in significant disruption of global financial markets and supply chains, reducing our ability to access capital in the future or access required raw materials and components. In addition, a recession or long-term market correction resulting from the spread of COVID-19 or other events could materially affect our business and the value of our common stock.

Historically, we funded development of our solid-state and cell manufacturing technologies internally through operationally generated cash and, in recent periods, with proceeds from our secured borrowings in November 2021. To date, our focus has been on seeking to prove the fundamental soundness of our manufacturing techniques and our solid-state chemistry. Moving forward, our solid-state related investments will focus on chemistry optimization and establishing a pilot line for pouch cell production. Over the next two to three years, we expect to spend in excess of \$50 million on solid-state development and cell manufacturing technologies.

Financing Obligations and Requirements

As of December 31, 2021, we had cash totaling \$25.6 million. Since inception and until recently, we funded ourselves from internally generated cash and \$2 million in equity raised in 2017. On November 24, 2021, we issued \$45 million of fixed rate senior notes, secured by among other things, a security interest in our intellectual property.

As part of the Business Combination, we intend to enter into a series of transactions that is expected to provide us additional cash to fund our capital and liquidity requirements in the short and long-term.

The Term Loan proceeds may be used (i) to support the Business Combination, (ii) to prepay the fixed rate senior notes at closing of the Business Combination, (iii) to pay fees and expenses in connection with the foregoing, (iv) to provide additional growth capital and (v) for other general/corporate purposes. The Term Loan will mature four years from the Closing Date and will be subject to quarterly amortization of 5% per annum beginning 24 months after the Closing Date. The definitive documents for the Term Loan will incorporate certain mandatory prepayment events and affirmative and negative covenants and exceptions to

be mutually agreed. Such covenants are expected to include a maximum senior leverage ratio covenant, a minimum liquidity covenant and a springing fixed charge coverage ratio covenant. For 24 months following the Closing Date, the Term Loan will accrue interest at a rate comprised of (i) adjusted SOFR plus 6.5% per annum payable quarterly in cash and (ii) paid-in-kind interest at a rate of between 3.5% and 5.5% per annum, such rate to be determined based on New Dragonfly's senior leverage ratio. After 24 months following the Closing Date, interest will be payable in cash, and the interest rate will be comprised of adjusted SOFR plus an applicable margin of between 10% and 12% per annum, such rate to be determined based on New Dragonfly's senior leverage ratio. At Closing, we will issue the Term Loan Lenders (i) the Penny Warrants and (ii) the \$10 Warrants

Under this Equity Facility, upon the satisfaction of the conditions to the Equity Facility Investor's purchase obligation to be set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation, New Dragonfly will have the right from time to time at its option to direct the Equity Facility Investor, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets, to purchase up to a specified maximum amount of shares of New Dragonfly common stock, up to a maximum aggregate purchase price of \$150,000,000 over the 36-month term of the Equity Facility.

For further details on the arrangements with the Term Loan Lenders and the Equity Investor, see the section entitled, "Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal".

Cash Flow — Years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020

	Years ended December 31,	
	2021	2020
	(in thousands)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	\$(13,573)	\$ 6,640
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(2,909)	(1,140)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	38,906	12

Operating Activities

Net cash used in operating activities was \$13.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, as compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$6.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. The increase in cash used by operations was primarily due to an increase in working capital as a result of growth in Dragonfly's operations.

Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$2.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, as compared to \$1.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2020. The increase in net cash used in investing activities was primarily due to an increase in capital expenditures to support our ongoing efforts to develop solid-state battery technology and manufacturing processes.

Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$38.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2021 and was primarily due to cash received from the issuance of fixed rate senior notes.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$0.01 million for the year ended December 31, 2020 and was primarily due to cash utilized from the Company's line of credit.

Contractual Obligations

Our estimated future obligations consist of short-term and long-term operating lease liabilities. As of December 31, 2021, we had \$1.1 million in short-term operating lease liabilities and \$4.7 million in long-term operating lease liabilities.

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

We have not experienced any significant losses in such accounts, nor does management believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk. The risk free interest rate is based on a treasury instrument whose term is consistent with the expected term of the stock options. We use an assumed dividend yield of zero as we have never paid dividends and has no current plans to pay any dividends on its common stock. We account for forfeitures as they occur.

Critical Accounting Policies

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates, assumptions and judgments that can significantly impact the amounts we report as assets, liabilities, revenue, costs and expenses and the related disclosures. We base our estimates on historical experience and other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. Our actual results could differ significantly from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions. We believe that the accounting policies discussed below are critical to understanding our historical and future performance as these policies involve a greater degree of judgment and complexity.

Revenue Recognition

Under Topic 606, an entity recognizes revenue when its customer obtains control of promised goods or services, in an amount that reflects the consideration that the entity expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. To determine revenue recognition for arrangements that an entity determines are within the scope of Topic 606, the entity performs the following five steps: (i) identify the contract(s) with a customer; (ii) identify the performance obligations in the contract; (iii) determine the transaction price; (iv) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and (v) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation. We only apply the five-step model to contracts when it is probable the entity will collect the consideration it is entitled to in exchange for the goods or services it transfers to the customer. At contract inception, once the contract is determined to be within the scope of Topic 606, we assess the goods or services promised within each contract and determines those that are performance obligations and assesses whether each promised good or service is distinct. We then recognize as revenue the amount of the transaction price that is allocated to the respective performance obligation when (or as) the performance obligation is satisfied. We exclude from the transaction price all taxes that are assessed by a governmental authority and imposed on and concurrent with our revenue transactions, and therefore present these taxes (such as sales tax) on a net basis in operating revenues on the Statement of Income.

Revenue is recognized when control of the promised goods is transferred to the customer or distributor, in an amount that reflects the consideration we expect to be entitled to in exchange for those goods and services. Revenue associated with products holding rights of return are recognized when we conclude there is not a risk of significant revenue reversal in the future periods for the expected consideration in the transaction. There are no material instances including discounts and refunds where variable consideration is constrained and not recorded at the initial time of sale. Generally, our revenue is recognized at a point in time for standard promised goods at the time of shipment when title and risk of loss pass to the customer.

We may receive payments at the onset of the contract and before delivery of goods for customers in the retail channel. In such instances, we record a customer deposit liability. Payment terms for distributors and OEMs are due within 30-60 days after shipment. We recognize these contract liabilities as sales after the revenue criteria are met. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the contract liability related to our customer deposits approximated \$434 and \$1,779, respectively. The entire contract liability balance as of December 31, 2020 was recognized as revenue during the year ended December 31, 2021.

Inventory

Inventories, which consist of raw materials, work in process and finished goods, are stated at the lower of cost (weighted average) or net realizable value, net of reserves for obsolete inventory. We continually analyze our slow moving and excess inventories. Based on historical and projected sales volumes and anticipated selling prices, we established reserves. Inventory that is in excess of current and projected use is reduced by an

allowance to a level that approximates its estimate of future demand. Products that are determined to be obsolete are written down to net realizable value. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, no such reserves were necessary.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost, including the cost of significant improvements and renovations. Costs of routine repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred. All our facilities are leased and none are owned. Depreciation and amortization are calculated by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives for owned property, or, for leasehold improvements, over the shorter of the asset's useful life or term of the lease. Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$617 and \$198, respectively. The various classes of property and equipment and estimated useful lives are as follows:

Office furniture and equipment	3 to 7 years
Machinery and equipment	3 to 7 years
Leasehold improvements	Remaining Term of Lease

As we add to our production capabilities and make related capital expenditures (including with respect to our solid-state battery capabilities) we expect our depreciation expenses to increase.

Research and Development

We expense research and development costs as incurred. Research and development expenses include salaries, contractor and consultant fees, supplies and materials, as well as costs related to other overhead such as depreciation, facilities, utilities, and other departmental expenses. The costs we incur with respect to internally developed technology and engineering services are included in research and development expenses as incurred as they do not directly relate to acquisition or construction of materials, property or intangible assets that have alternative future uses. We expect our research and development costs to increase as we continue to develop our proprietary solid-state cell technology and manufacturing processes.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

For information regarding recently issued accounting pronouncements and recently adopted accounting pronouncements, please see *Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus.

JOBS Act Accounting Election

As an emerging growth company under the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act, New Dragonfly can take advantage of an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. This allows an emerging growth company to delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. New Dragonfly has elected to avail itself of this exemption from new or revised accounting standards and, therefore, will not be subject to the same new or revised accounting standards as other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. New Dragonfly intends to rely on other exemptions provided by the JOBS Act, including without limitation, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404(b) of Sarbanes-Oxley. As a result, New Dragonfly's financial statements may not be comparable to companies that comply with new or revised accounting pronouncements as of public company effective dates.

New Dragonfly will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest of (i) the last day of the fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the consummation of Chardan's initial public offering, (ii) the last day of the fiscal year in which New Dragonfly has total annual gross revenue of at least \$1.07 billion, (iii) the last day of the fiscal year in which New Dragonfly are deemed to be a "large accelerated filer" as defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act, which would occur if the market value of New Dragonfly's common stock held by non-affiliates exceeded \$700.0 million as of the last business day of the second fiscal quarter of such year, or (iv) the date on which New Dragonfly has issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities during the prior three-year period.

COMPARISON OF STOCKHOLDERS' RIGHTS

General

Chardan is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware and currently governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, and following the Merger, the rights of Chardan shareholders will be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware. After the Business Combination, Chardan shareholders will become New Dragonfly stockholders.

Dragonfly is incorporated under the laws of the State of Nevada and the rights of Dragonfly stockholders are governed by the laws of the State of Nevada, including the Nevada Revised Statutes, Dragonfly's charter and Dragonfly's bylaws. As a result of the Business Combination, Dragonfly stockholders who receive shares of New Dragonfly common stock will become New Dragonfly stockholders.

If the Merger is completed, Chardan intends to change its name to Dragonfly Energy Holdings Corp. and will adopt the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws in connection with the consummation of the Merger. The rights of New Dragonfly stockholders will be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws of New Dragonfly.

Comparison of Stockholders' Rights

The table below summarizes the material differences between the current rights of Chardan stockholders under its existing charter and bylaws, the current rights of Dragonfly stockholders under its existing certificate of incorporation and bylaws and the rights of New Dragonfly stockholders, post-Closing, under the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws of New Dragonfly.

The summary set forth below is not intended to be complete or to provide a comprehensive discussion of the company's governing documents or applicable law. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Chardan's charter and bylaws, Dragonfly's certificate of incorporation and bylaws and forms of the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws of New Dragonfly, which are attached to this proxy statement/prospectus, as well as the relevant provisions of the DGCL. Further, it is noted that certain rights and restrictions are placed on the Dragonfly stockholders pursuant to a Shareholder Agreement, and the summary set forth below is not intended to provide a comprehensive discussion of the provisions of the Shareholder Agreement.

Chardan	Dragonfly	New Dragonfly
	Authorized Capital Stock	
Chardan is currently authorized to issue 51,000,000 shares of which 50,000,000 shares of common stock and 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, each with \$0.0001 par value. As of March 25, 2022 there were 15,812,500 shares of common stock outstanding.	Dragonfly is currently authorized to issue 10,000,000 shares of capital stock, consisting of 8,000,000 shares of common stock and 2,000,000 shares of preferred stock, each with \$0.001 par value per share. As of [•], 2022, there were [•] shares of common stock outstanding and [•] shares of preferred stock outstanding.	The total number of shares of capital stock that New Dragonfly is authorized to issue is 175,000,000 shares, consisting of 170,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share.
Chardan's certificate provides that, promptly after the consummation of the Business Combination, the shares sold pursuant to the Chardan IPO will be converted into cash at a per share price equal to the quotient determined by dividing (i) the amount then held in the trust fund less any income taxes owed on such funds but not	Dragonfly preferred stock shall be converted into Dragonfly common stock prior to the closing of the Business Combination.	Immediately following consummation of the Business Combination, Dragonfly common stock will be cancelled in exchange for the right to receive, or the reservation of, an aggregate of 40,000,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock, or, as applicable, shares underlying awards based on Dragonfly

Chardan	Dragonfly	New Dragonfly
yet paid, calculated as of two business days prior to the consummation of the Business Combination or the filing of the amendment, as applicable, by (ii) the total number of the shares sold pursuant to the Chardan IPO then outstanding.		common stock, representing the Aggregate Merger Consideration. New Dragonfly is expected to have approximately [•] shares of New Dragonfly common stock outstanding, assuming no redemptions and no exercise of dissenter's rights.
Rights of Preferred Stock		
The board is expressly granted authority to issue shares of the preferred stock, in one or more series, and to fix for each such series such voting powers, full or limited, and such designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights and such qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof as shall be stated and expressed in the resolution or resolutions adopted by the board providing for the issue of such series and as may be permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.	The holders of preferred stock shall receive special rights and preferences set forth in the articles and bylaws, including but not limited to special rights and preferences with respect to dividends, liquidation, dissolution, winding up, voting, and conversion rights.	The New Dragonfly board is authorized to issue the shares of preferred stock in such series and to fix from time to time before issuance the number of shares to be included in any such series and the designation, powers, preferences and relative participating, optional or other rights, if any, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof.
Number and Qualification of Directors		
The board shall initially consist of one (1) member; provided, that such number may be increased or decreased from time to time by resolution of the stockholders.	The board shall consist of up to five (5) directors, which may be increased or decreased by resolution of the stockholders or board.	The board shall consist of one or more members, the exact number of which shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. The directors of New Dragonfly shall be and are divided into three (3) classes, designated Class I, Class II and Class III. Each class shall consist, as nearly as may be possible, of one-third (1/3) of the total number of directors constituting the entire board. The board may assign members of the board already in office upon the effectiveness of the filing of the certificate with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware (the "Effective Time") to such classes. Subject to the rights of holders of any series or class of

Chardan	Dragonfly	New Dragonfly
		preferred stock to elect directors, each director shall serve for a term ending on the date of the third annual meeting of stockholders following the annual meeting of stockholders at which such director was elected; provided that each director initially assigned to Class A shall serve for a term expiring at New Dragonfly's first annual meeting of stockholders held after the Effective Time; each director initially assigned to Class B shall serve for a term expiring at New Dragonfly's second annual meeting of stockholders held after the Effective Time; and each director initially assigned to Class C shall serve for a term expiring at New Dragonfly's third annual meeting of stockholders held after the Effective Time.
	Election of Directors The holders of common stock, voting as a separate class, shall be entitled to elect two directors, known as "Common Stock Director A" and "Common Stock Director B". The Common Stock Director with the highest number of votes shall be the Common Stock Director A, and the one with the second highest number shall be Common Stock Director B. Common Stock Director A shall have three votes on any action requiring vote or approval by the board, and Common Stock Director B shall have one vote. The holders of common stock and Series A preferred stock, voting as a single class, shall be entitled to elect the balance of the total number of directors of Dragonfly.	Directors elected at meetings of stockholders will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast. Subject to the rights, if any, of the holders of any series of preferred stock to elect additional directors under circumstances specified in a Preferred Stock, newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the number of directors and any vacancies on the board resulting from death, resignation, disqualification, removal, or other cause will be filled solely by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office, even though less than a quorum of the board, or by a sole remaining director.
	Removal of Directors Any director may be removed at any time, without cause, but only by the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the shares of the class of capital stock entitled to	Except any preferred stock director, any director may be removed from office with cause at any time, by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least sixty-six and
The election of directors shall be decided by a plurality of the votes cast at a meeting of the stockholders by the holders of stock entitled to vote in the election. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of stockholders during the year in which their terms expire. Each director shall hold office until a successor is duly elected and qualified or until the director's earlier death, resignation, disqualification or removal.		

Chardan	Dragonfly	New Dragonfly
	elect such director.	two-thirds percent (66⅔%) of the total voting power of all then outstanding shares of New Dragonfly entitled to vote for the election of directors.
Voting		
Holders of the common stock shall exclusively possess all voting power and each share of common stock shall have one vote.	Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held. Each share of Series A stock is entitled to cast the number of votes equal to the number of whole shares of common stock into which the shares of Series A preferred stock held by such holder are convertible as of the record date for determining stockholders entitled to vote on such matter. Series A preferred stock and common stock shall vote together as a single class.	Except as otherwise required by law, holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held of record by such holder on all matters on which stockholders are generally entitled to vote; provided, that, except as otherwise required by law, holders of common stock shall not be entitled to vote on any amendment to the charter of New Dragonfly that relates solely to the terms of one or more outstanding series of preferred stock if the holders of such affected series of preferred stock are entitled, either separately or together with the holders of one or more other such series of preferred stock, to vote thereon pursuant to the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation or the DGCL.
Cumulative Voting		
Chardan's certificate does not authorize cumulative voting.	Dragonfly's articles do not authorize cumulative voting.	Delaware law allows for cumulative voting only if provided for in the current charter of New Dragonfly; however, the current charter of New Dragonfly does not authorize cumulative voting.
Vacancies on the Board of Directors		
Any vacancies occurring in the board may be filled by the affirmative votes of a majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors, although less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director. A director so elected shall be elected to hold office until the earlier of the expiration of the term of office of the director whom he or she has replaced, a successor is duly elected and qualified or the earlier of such director's death,	Any vacancy in a directorship filled by the holders of any class or series shall be filled only by vote or written consent in lieu of a meeting of the holders of such class or series or by any remaining director or directors elected by the holders of such class or series.	Any newly created directorship on the New Dragonfly Board that results from an increase in the number of directors and any vacancies on the board are filled exclusively pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the New Dragonfly Board then in office, even if less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director.

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resignation or removal.		
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors		
Special meetings of stockholders for any purpose or purposes shall be called pursuant to a resolution approved by the board and may not be called by any other person or persons. The only business which may be conducted at a special meeting shall be the matter or matters set forth in the notice of such meeting.	Meetings other than an annual meeting may be held upon proper notice and the call of the President or Secretary.	Special meetings of the New Dragonfly Board may be called by the Chairman of the New Dragonfly Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the President or any two directors then in office.
Stockholder Action by Written Consent		
Any action to be taken at any annual or special meeting of stockholders may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action to be so taken, shall be signed by the holders of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted and shall be delivered (by hand or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested) to Chardan by delivery to its registered office in the State of Delaware, its principal place of business or an officer or agent of the Corporation having custody of the book in which proceedings of meetings of stockholders are recorded.	Any action that may be taken at a meeting of the stockholders may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the actions taken, shall be signed by the stockholders, holding at least a majority of the voting power of the shares of Dragonfly's stock entitled to vote at such meeting, unless a greater proportion of voting power is required to take such an action at a meeting.	Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock, any action required or permitted to be taken by the stockholders of New Dragonfly may be taken only at a duly called annual meeting or special meeting of stockholders of the company and may not be taken without a meeting by means of written consent.
Amendment to Charter		
The holder of more than fifty percent (50%) of the issued and outstanding stock is authorized to make, repeal, alter, amend, restate and/or rescind any or all of the articles.	Subject to any additional vote required by the articles, and subject to statute, the holder of more than fifty percent (50%) of the issued and outstanding capital stock is authorized to make, repeal, alter, amend, restate and/or rescind any or all of the articles.	Under Delaware law, an amendment to a charter generally requires the approval of the New Dragonfly Board and a majority of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding shares of voting stock, voting together as a single class. The affirmative vote of the holders of at least sixty-six and two-third percent (66⅔%) of the voting power of New Dragonfly's

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		outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote in the election of directors, shall be required to amend the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation inconsistent with any provision inconsistent with Articles V, VI, VIII, VIII, IX or X of the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation.
Amendment of Bylaws		
The board is expressly authorized to make, repeal, alter, amend and rescind any or all of Chardan's bylaws.	The board is expressly authorized to make, repeal, alter, amend and rescind any or all of Dragonfly's bylaws.	The New Dragonfly Board will be expressly authorized to make, repeal, alter, amend and rescind any or all of the bylaws of New Dragonfly by an affirmative vote of the majority of the entire board of directors. The bylaws may also be amended, repealed or added to by the New Dragonfly stockholders representing at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66⅔%) of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of capital stock of New Dragonfly entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.
Quorum		
<i>Board of Directors.</i> A majority of the board of directors shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meetings of the board.	<i>Board of Directors.</i> At all meetings of Dragonfly's board, a majority of the directors will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.	<i>Board of Directors.</i> At all meetings of the New Dragonfly board, a majority of the directors then in office will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
<i>Shareholders.</i> A majority in voting power of the shares of Chardan entitled to vote at the meeting, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum.	<i>Stockholders.</i> Dragonfly's articles provide that the presence, in person or by proxy, of a majority of the outstanding shares of the class or series entitled to elect a director will constitute a quorum for the purpose of electing such director. Otherwise, Dragonfly's bylaws provide that the holders, in person or by proxy, of a majority of the shares entitled to vote constitutes a quorum at all meetings of Dragonfly stockholders for the transaction of business.	<i>Stockholders.</i> The holders of a majority of the shares of New Dragonfly common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote, present in person (or by means of remote communication) or represented by proxy, constitute a quorum at all meetings of New Dragonfly stockholders for the transaction of business.

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Special meetings of stockholders for any purpose or purposes shall be called pursuant to a resolution approved by the board and may not be called by any other person or persons. The only business which may be conducted at a special meeting shall be the matter or matters set forth in the notice of such meeting.	Special Stockholder Meetings Special meetings of the stockholders may be called by the President, board, or Secretary at the written request of the holders of not less than one-tenth (1/10) of all the shares entitled to vote at the meeting.	Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock, (a) any action required or permitted to be taken by the New Dragonfly stockholders may be taken only at a duly called annual or special meeting of New Dragonfly stockholders and may not be taken without a meeting by means of any consent in writing of such stockholders and (b) special meetings of New Dragonfly stockholders (i) may be called only by the Chairman or by the Chief Executive Officer, and (ii) by the Secretary acting at the request of the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer or any three directors of New Dragonfly. At any annual meeting or special meeting of New Dragonfly stockholders, only such business will be conducted or considered as has been brought before such meeting in the manner provided in the bylaws.
Notice of any meeting of stockholders will be delivered not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at such meeting.	Notice of Stockholder Meetings Notice of any meeting of stockholders will be delivered not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at such meeting.	Notice of any meeting of stockholders will be delivered not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at such meeting.
Stockholder Proposals (Other than Nomination of Persons for Election as Directors) Special meetings of stockholders for any purpose or purposes shall be called pursuant to a resolution approved by the board and may not be called by any other person or persons.	Special meetings of the stockholders may be called by the Secretary at the written request (stating the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called) of the holders of not less than one-tenth (1/10) of all the shares entitled to vote at the meeting.	No business may be transacted at an annual meeting of stockholders, other than business that is either (i) specified in New Dragonfly's notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) delivered pursuant to the bylaws, (ii) properly brought before the annual meeting by or at the direction of the board or (iii) otherwise properly brought before the annual meeting by any stockholder of New Dragonfly who is entitled to vote at the meeting, who complies with the notice procedures set forth in the

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		bylaws and who is a stockholder of record at the time such notice is delivered to the Secretary. A stockholder is not entitled to have its proposal for business or nominees included in New Dragonfly's proxy statement and form of proxy solely as a result of such stockholder's compliance with the provisions of the bylaws.
Stockholder Nominations of Persons for Election as Directors		
No specific provision exists as to nominations by a stockholder.	No specific provision exists as to nominations by a stockholder. Dragonfly's articles provide that holders of Series A stock, voting as a separate class, may elect one director, who shall be given two votes on any action requiring vote or approval by the board. The holders of common stock, voting as a separate class, shall be entitled to elect two directors, known as "Common Stock Director A" and "Common Stock Director B". The Common Stock Director with the highest number of votes shall be the Common Stock Director A, and the one with the second highest number shall be Common Stock Director B. Common Stock Director A shall have three votes on any action requiring vote or approval by the board, and Common Stock Director B shall have one vote.	Nominations of persons for election to the New Dragonfly board may be made at an annual meeting of stockholders, or at any special meeting of stockholders called for the purpose of electing directors only (i) pursuant to the New Dragonfly notice of meeting, (ii) by or at the direction of the board or any committee thereof or (iii) by any stockholder who was a holder of record at the time the notice provided for in the bylaws is delivered to the Secretary, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who complies with the notice procedures set forth in the bylaws. For a nomination to be made by a stockholder, such stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in proper written form to the Secretary. To be timely, a stockholder's notice to the Secretary must be received by the Secretary at the principal executive offices of New Dragonfly not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90th) day, nor earlier than the close of business on the one-hundred-twentieth (120th) day, prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting of shareholders.
Limitation of Liability of Directors and Officers		
To the full extent permitted under Delaware law, a director of Chardan will not be personally liable to Chardan or its stockholders for monetary	To the full extent permitted under Nevada law, a director of Dragonfly will not be personally liable to Dragonfly or its stockholders for monetary	The DGCL permits limiting or eliminating the monetary liability of a director to a corporation or its stockholders, except with regard to breaches of the duty of

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damages for any breach of fiduciary duty.	damages for any breach of fiduciary duty.	loyalty, intentional misconduct, unlawful repurchases or dividends, or improper personal benefit.
		The Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation will provide that, to the fullest extent provided by law, no director will be personally liable to New Dragonfly or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director.

Indemnification of Directors, Officers, Employees and Agents

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Chardan is authorized to indemnify all persons whom it may indemnify pursuant thereto. Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an officer or director in defending any civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action, suit or proceeding for which such officer or director may be entitled to indemnification hereunder shall be paid by Chardan in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by Chardan as authorized hereby.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Dragonfly is authorized to provide indemnification of directors, officers, and agents of Dragonfly, and any other persons to which the laws of Nevada permit Dragonfly to provide indemnification, through its bylaws, agreements with persons, or votes of stockholders or disinterested persons.

Dragonfly must provide indemnification, to the maximum extent permitted by law, to any person for any proceeding by reason of being a director, officer, employee or agent of Dragonfly or to any person for any proceeding who is or was serving at the request of Dragonfly as a director, officer, employee or agent of another entity, who was acting in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of Dragonfly, and who had no reason to believe the conduct was unlawful, but Dragonfly may not indemnify such person if it is proven such person's actions or omissions breached fiduciary duties and such breach involved intentional misconduct, fraud, or a knowing violation of law.

The DGCL generally permits a corporation to indemnify its directors and officers acting in good faith. Under the DGCL, the corporation through its stockholders, directors or independent legal counsel, will determine that the conduct of the person seeking indemnity conformed with the statutory provisions governing indemnity.

The charter of New Dragonfly will provide that New Dragonfly will indemnify each director and officer to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

Dividends, Distributions and Stock Repurchases

Dividends upon the shares of capital stock of Chardan may be

Holders of Series A preferred stock shall first receive, or shall

Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock,

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declared by the board at any regular or special meeting of the board. Dividends may be paid in cash, in property or in shares of Chardan's capital stock, unless otherwise provided by applicable law or the certificate of incorporation.	receive simultaneously with common stock, a dividend on each outstanding share of Series A preferred stock in an amount at least equal to (i) in the case of a dividend on common stock or any class or series that is convertible into common stock, that dividend per share of Series A preferred stock as would equal the product of (A) the dividend payable on each share of such class or series, as if all shares of such class or series had been converted into common stock, and (B) the number of shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of a share of Series A preferred stock, or (ii) in the case of a dividend on any class or series not convertible into common stock, at a rate per share of Series A preferred stock determined by (A) dividing the amount of dividend payable on each share of such class or series of capital stock by the original issuance price of such class or series, and (b) multiplying such fraction by an amount equal to the Series A Original Issue Price. If Dragonfly declares, on the same date, a dividend on shares of more than one class or series, the dividend payable to Series A preferred stock shall be the calculation with the highest dividend. In the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, holders of Series A preferred stock shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of Dragonfly, to the extent possible, before any common stock an amount per share equal to the greater of (i) the Series A Original Issue Price plus any dividends declared but unpaid thereon, or (ii) such amount per share as would have been payable had all shares of Series A preferred stock been converted into common stock immediately prior to the	holders of shares of New Dragonfly common stock will be entitled to receive such dividends and distributions and other distributions in cash, stock or property of New Dragonfly when, as and if declared thereon by the New Dragonfly board from time to time out of assets or funds of New Dragonfly legally available therefor.

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	dissolution, liquidation, or winding up. After payment of preferential amounts to Series A preferred stock holders, remaining assets of Dragonfly shall be distributed among common stock holders, pro rata. In the event of a deemed liquidation event, as defined in the articles, upon written notice from Dragonfly the Series A preferred stock holders have the right to require redemption, to the extent possible, of the Series A preferred stock at a price per share equal to the Series A Liquidation Amount. Dragonfly's articles provide that holders of Series A preferred stock have the option to convert their shares to common stock, and are afforded an adjustment for merger or reorganization. Series A preferred stock may be subject to mandatory conversion upon certain triggering events. Each shareholder grants a right of first offer to Dragonfly to purchase all or a portion of any Transfer Stock, as defined in the Shareholder Agreement. A secondary right of first offer is granted to the other shareholders. Co-sale rights have also been granted in the Shareholder Agreement. Further, Dragonfly shall have a right to repurchase shares divided in a divorce proceeding.	
	Liquidation	
In the event that Chardan does not consummate a Business Combination by 15 months from the initial public offering, 100% of the shares sold pursuant to the initial public offering will be redeemed for a redemption price per the articles of incorporation.	In the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, holders of Series A preferred stock shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of Dragonfly before any common stock an amount per share equal to the greater of (i) the Series A Original Issuance Price plus any dividends declared but unpaid thereon, or (ii) such amount per share as would have been payable	Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock, shares of New Dragonfly common stock will be entitled to receive the assets and funds of New Dragonfly available for distribution in the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of New Dragonfly, whether voluntary or involuntary. A liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the

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	had all shares of Series A preferred stock been converted into common stock immediately prior to the dissolution, liquidation, or winding up. After payment of preferential amounts to Series A preferred stock holders, remaining assets of Dragonfly shall be distributed among common stock holders, pro rata.	affairs of New Dragonfly will not be deemed to be occasioned by or to include any consolidation or merger of New Dragonfly with or into any other person or a sale, lease, exchange or conveyance of all or a part of its assets.
Anti-Takeover Provisions and Other Stockholder Protections		
No specific provision exists as to anti-takeover provisions and other stockholder protections.	Section 78.411 et seq. of the NRS generally provides that a Nevada corporation which has not “opted out” of coverage by this section in the prescribed manner may not engage in any “combination” with an “interested stockholder” for a period of two years following the date that the stockholder became an “interested stockholder” unless prior to that time the board of the corporation approved either the “combination” or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an “interested stockholder.” Dragonfly does not intend to opt out of these provisions. In addition, the NRS contains provisions governing the acquisition of a controlling interest in certain Nevada corporations. Nevada’s “acquisition of controlling interest” statutes (NRS 78.378 through 78.3793, inclusive) contain provisions governing the acquisition of a controlling interest in certain Nevada corporations. These “control share” laws provide generally that any person that acquires a “controlling interest” in certain Nevada corporations may be denied voting rights, unless a majority of the disinterested shareholders of the corporation elects to restore such voting rights. These laws will apply to Dragonfly as of a particular date if Dragonfly were to have 200 or more	No specific provision exists as to anti-takeover provisions and other stockholder protections.

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	stockholders of record (at least 100 of whom have addresses in Nevada appearing on Dragonfly's stock ledger at all times during the 90 days immediately preceding that date) and do business in the State of Nevada directly or through an affiliated corporation, unless the Dragonfly articles or bylaws in effect on the tenth day after the acquisition of a controlling interest provide otherwise.	
	Duties of Directors	
Under statutory and decisional law, directors of Delaware corporations owe fiduciary duties to the corporation, including duty of care and duty of loyalty.	Under statutory and decisional law, directors of Nevada corporations owe duties of loyalty to the corporation generally described as fiduciary duties. NRS 78.138 provides that the fiduciary duties of directors and officers are to exercise their respective powers in good faith and with a view to the interests of the corporation. Nevada has adopted standards, commonly known as the "business judgment rule," to govern director decisions and which provide that, except as otherwise provided in subsection 1 of NRS 78.139, directors are presumed to act in good faith, on an informed basis and with a view to the interests of the corporation. Dragonfly's board may exercise all such authority and powers of Dragonfly and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute or the Dragonfly articles directed or required to be exercised or done solely by the stockholders.	Under statutory and decisional law, directors of Delaware corporations owe fiduciary duties to the corporation, including duty of care and duty of loyalty.
	Inspection of Books and Records; Stockholder Lists	
<i>Inspection.</i> Any records maintained by Chardan in the regular course of its business, including its stock ledger, books of account and minute books, may be maintained on any information storage device or method; provided that the records so kept can be converted into clearly	<i>Inspection.</i> NRS 78.257 provides that any person who has been a shareholder of record of the corporation and owns not less than fifteen percent (15%) of the issued and outstanding shares of the stock of such corporation or has been authorized in writing by the holders of at least	Under the DGCL, any stockholder or beneficial owner has the right, upon written demand under oath stating the proper purpose thereof, either in person or by attorney or other agent, to inspect and make copies and extracts from the corporation's stock ledger, list of

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legible paper form within a reasonable time. Chardan shall so convert any records so kept upon the request of any person entitled to inspect such records pursuant to applicable law.	fifteen percent (15%) of its issued and outstanding shares, upon at least five (5) days' written demand, is entitled to inspect during normal business hours the books of account and all financial records of the corporation, to make copies of records, and to conduct an audit of such records.	stockholders and its other books and records for a proper purpose during the usual hours for business. New Dragonfly shall at its principal executive office or other place designated by the board of directors, keep a record of its stockholders, the number and class of shares held, a copy of the bylaws as amended to date, accounting books and other records.
<i>Stockholder List.</i> Stockholder list shall be open to the examination of any stockholder, for any purpose germane to the meeting, on a reasonably accessible electronic network	<i>Stockholder List.</i> NRS 78.105 provides that any person who has been a stockholder of record of the corporation for at least six months immediately preceding the demand, or any person holding, or authorized by holders of, at least five percent of the corporation's outstanding shares, upon at least five days' written demand is entitled to inspect during normal business hours the stock ledger of the corporation containing the names and addresses of persons that are stockholders of the corporation. Pursuant to the Shareholders Agreement, Dragonfly shall deliver a monthly report to Shareholders.	
Choice of Forum		
Chardan's certificate provides that, unless Chardan consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware shall be the forum for (a) any derivative action or proceeding brought in our name on behalf of the Corporation, (b) any action asserting a claim for breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any current or former director, officer, employee, agent or stockholder of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation's stockholders, (c) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the GCL, the Certificate of Incorporation, or the bylaws, or (d) any action asserting a claim governed by the	Dragonfly's articles provide that the courts in the State of Nevada shall be the sole and exclusive forum for any stockholder to bring a claim for any derivative action brought on behalf of the company, any action asserting a claim of breach of fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, employee or stockholder to the company or to the company's shareholders, any action arising pursuant to any provision of the laws of Nevada or the Dragonfly articles or bylaws, or any action governed by the internal affairs doctrine; except, for each of the foregoing claims, the sole and exclusive forum provision does not apply to those claims in which a Nevada court determines it does not have	The Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation generally designates the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware as the sole and exclusive forum for any stockholder (including a beneficial owner) to: (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of New Dragonfly, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, or other employee of New Dragonfly to New Dragonfly or New Dragonfly's stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against New Dragonfly, its directors, officers, or employees arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL or the Second Amended and Restated

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internal affairs doctrine. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such provisions will not apply to suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act, or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction.	jurisdiction over an indispensable party, or which are vested in the exclusive jurisdiction of a court or forum other than the Nevada court, or for which Nevada does not have subject matter jurisdiction. The Shareholder Agreement further sets forth exclusive jurisdiction of the state courts of Nevada and of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada for any suits arising out of or based on the Shareholder Agreement and its respective rights and obligations.	Certificate of Incorporation or the Bylaws, (iv) any action asserting a claim against New Dragonfly, its directors, officers, or employees governed by the internal affairs doctrine, subject to certain exceptions. The exclusive forum provision will not apply to suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction. The federal district courts of the United States of America will be the exclusive forum for resolving any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

The following summary of the material terms of New Dragonfly's securities following the Business Combination is not intended to be a complete summary of the rights and preferences of such securities. The full text of the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation referenced herein is attached as Annex B to this proxy statement. We urge you to read such documents in their entirety for a complete description of the rights and preferences of New Dragonfly's securities following the Business Combination.

General

The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes 170,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share.

Common Stock

The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes a total of 170,000,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share.

Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. An election of directors by our stockholders shall be determined by a plurality of the votes cast by the stockholders entitled to vote on the election. Holders of New Dragonfly common stock are entitled to receive proportionately any dividends as may be declared by the New Dragonfly Board, subject to any preferential dividend rights of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

In the event of our liquidation or dissolution, the holders of New Dragonfly common stock are entitled to receive proportionately our net assets available for distribution to stockholders after the payment of all debts and other liabilities and subject to the prior rights of any outstanding preferred stock.

Holders of New Dragonfly common stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of New Dragonfly common stock are subject to and may be adversely affected by the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

Preferred Stock

The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes a total of 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share.

Under the terms of the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, the New Dragonfly board of directors is authorized to issue shares of preferred stock in one or more series without stockholder approval. The New Dragonfly board of directors has the discretion to determine the terms, rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences, of each series of preferred stock.

The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions, future financings and other corporate purposes, could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or could discourage a third party from seeking to acquire, a majority of our outstanding voting stock. We have no present plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

Choice of Forum Provisions

The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation and the amended and restated bylaws provide that, unless New Dragonfly consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, (A) (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of New Dragonfly, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any current or former director, officer, other employee or stockholder of New Dragonfly to New Dragonfly or New Dragonfly's stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL, the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation or the amended and restated bylaws (as either may be amended or restated) or as to which the DGCL confers

jurisdiction on the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or (iv) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine of the law of the State of Delaware shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be exclusively brought in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or, if such court does not have subject matter jurisdiction thereof, the federal district court of the State of Delaware; and (B) the federal district courts of the United States of America shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Although we believe these provisions benefit us by providing increased consistency in the application of Delaware law in the types of lawsuits to which it applies, these provisions may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against our directors and officers.

Anti-Takeover Effects of the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, the Amended and Restated Bylaws and Delaware Law

We are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the DGCL regulating corporate takeovers. This statute prevents certain Delaware corporations, under certain circumstances, from engaging in a “business combination” with:

- a stockholder who owns 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock (otherwise known as an “interested stockholder”);
- an affiliate of an interested stockholder; or
- an associate of an interested stockholder, for three years following the date that the stockholder became an interested stockholder.

A “business combination” includes a merger or a sale of more than 10% of our assets. However, the above provisions of Section 203 do not apply if:

- our board of directors approves either the business combination or transaction that made the stockholder an “interested stockholder,” prior to the date of such business combination;
- upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, that stockholder owned at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, other than statutorily excluded shares of common stock; or
- at or subsequent to the date of such business combination, the business combination is approved by our board of directors and authorized at a meeting of our stockholders, and not by written consent, by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock not owned by the interested stockholder.

Stockholder Action by Written Consent

Pursuant to Section 228 of the DGCL, any action required to be taken at any annual or special meeting of the stockholders may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by the holders of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares of our stock entitled to vote thereon were present and voted, unless the second amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation precludes stockholder action by written consent.

Approval for Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation further provides that the affirmative vote of holders of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the voting power of all of the then outstanding shares of voting stock, voting as a single class, is required to amend certain provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, including provisions relating to the size of the board, removal of directors, special meetings and actions by written consent. The affirmative vote of holders of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the voting power of all of the then outstanding shares of voting stock, voting as a single class, is required to adopt, amend, alter or repeal our proposed bylaws, although our proposed bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the board of directors.

Stock Exchange

The Chardan units, Chardan common stock and public warrants are currently listed on the Nasdaq under the symbols “CNTQU,” “CNTQ” and “CNTQW,” respectively. As a result, our publicly traded units will separate into component securities upon consummation of the Business Combination and will no longer trade as a separate entity. We intend to apply to list the New Dragonfly common stock and warrants on the Nasdaq after the Business Combination under the symbols “DFLI” and “DFLIW”.

PRICE RANGE OF SECURITIES AND DIVIDENDS

Price Range of Chardan's Securities

Chardan's units, each of which consists of one share of Chardan common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and three quarters of one public warrant, each whole warrant entitling the holder thereof to purchase one share of Chardan common stock, began trading on the Nasdaq under the symbol "CNTQU" on August 11, 2021. On August 24, 2021, the Chardan common stock and public warrants began trading on the Nasdaq under the symbols "CNTQ" and "CNTQW," respectively. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of Chardan common stock at a price of \$11.50 per share, subject to adjustments as described in the prospectus for the Chardan IPO dated August 5, 2021, which was filed with the SEC. Warrants may only be exercised for a whole number of shares of Chardan common stock and will become exercisable 30 days after the completion of the Business Combination. The warrants will expire five years after the completion of the Business Combination or earlier upon redemption or liquidation as described in the prospectus for the Chardan IPO.

The following table sets forth, for the calendar quarter indicated, the high and low intra-day sales prices per unit, Chardan common stock and warrants as reported on the Nasdaq for the periods presented.

Period	Common Stock ⁽²⁾		Warrants ⁽²⁾		Units ⁽¹⁾	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
2021:						
Fourth Quarter ⁽³⁾	\$10.02	\$9.93	\$.8099	\$.44	\$11.50	\$10.21
Third Quarter	\$10.10	\$9.78	\$.5003	\$.40	\$10.26	\$10.02

(1) Chardan's units began trading on the Nasdaq on August 11, 2021.

(2) Chardan common stock and warrants began trading separately on the Nasdaq on August 24, 2021.

On [•], the last Trading Day before the public announcement of the Business Combination, Chardan's units, Chardan common stock and public warrants closed at \$[•], \$[•] and \$[•], respectively.

Dividend Policy

Chardan has not paid any cash dividends on Chardan common stock to date and New Dragonfly does not intend to pay cash dividends prior to the completion of the Business Combination. The payment of cash dividends in the future is dependent upon New Dragonfly's revenues and earnings, if any, capital requirements, the terms of any indebtedness or preferred securities and general financial condition subsequent to the Closing. The payment of any cash dividends subsequent to the Closing will be within the discretion of New Dragonfly's board of directors at such time. In addition, Chardan's board of directors is not currently contemplating and does not anticipate declaring any stock dividends in the foreseeable future.

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

The following table sets forth information regarding (i) the actual beneficial ownership of Chardan common stock as of May [•], 2022 (pre-Business Combination) and (ii) the expected beneficial ownership of New Dragonfly common stock immediately following the consummation of the Business Combination, assuming that no public shares are redeemed, and alternatively that all public shares are redeemed, by:

- each person who is, or is expected to be, the beneficial owner of more than 5% of outstanding shares of Chardan common stock or of New Dragonfly common stock;
- each of our current executive officers and directors;
- each person who will become an executive officer or director of New Dragonfly following the consummation of the Business Combination; and
- all executive officers and directors of Chardan as a group pre-Business Combination and all executive officers and directors of New Dragonfly as a group following the consummation of the Business Combination.

Beneficial ownership is determined according to the rules of the SEC. A person is a “beneficial owner” of a security if that person has or shares “voting power”, which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of the security, or “investment power”, which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of the security or has the right to acquire such powers within 60 days. Accordingly, we have included all shares of Chardan common stock issuable to such person upon the exercise of public warrants, private placement warrants or options currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of the record date or the date of the consummation of the Business Combination, as applicable. We did not deem such shares outstanding, however, for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Except as indicated in the footnotes to the table, each of the stockholders listed below has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of Chardan common stock owned by such stockholders.

Unless otherwise noted in the footnotes to the following table, and subject to applicable community property laws, the persons and entities named the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to their beneficially owned Chardan common stock and other equity securities.

The beneficial ownership of shares of Chardan common stock pre-Business Combination is based on [16,312,500] shares of Chardan common stock outstanding as of May [•], 2022.

The expected beneficial ownership of shares of New Dragonfly common stock immediately following the consummation of the Business Combination, assuming none of the Public Shares is redeemed, is based on an aggregate of 54,547,533 shares of New Dragonfly common stock to be issued and outstanding immediately following the consummation of the Business Combination, which assumes the following: (A) none of the investors set forth in the table below has purchased or purchases shares of Chardan common stock (pre- Business Combination) or New Dragonfly common stock (post-Business Combination), (B) 500,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock are issued to the PIPE Investment investors, (C) 36,698,666 shares of New Dragonfly common stock are issued to the holders of Dragonfly securityholders but none of the 40,000,000 Earnout Shares have been issued as the earnout contingencies have not been met, (D) there are no future exercises of the Chardan Warrants and (E) 1,536,367 Penny Warrants are issued to the Term Loan Lenders but none of the 1,600,000 \$10 Warrants are issued.

The expected beneficial ownership of shares of New Dragonfly common stock immediately following the consummation of the Business Combination, assuming the maximum of the Public Shares are redeemed, is based on an aggregate of 41,897,533 shares of New Dragonfly common stock to be issued and outstanding immediately following the consummation of the Business Combination, which assumes the following: (A) none of the investors set forth in the table below has purchased or purchases shares of Chardan common stock (pre-Business Combination) or New Dragonfly common stock (post-Business Combination), (B) 500,000 shares of New Dragonfly common stock are issued to the PIPE Investment investors, (C) 36,698,666 shares of New Dragonfly common stock are issued to the holders of Dragonfly securityholders, but none of the 40,000,000 Earnout Shares have been issued as the earnout contingencies have not been met, (D) there are no future exercises of the Chardan Warrants and (E) 1,536,367 Penny Warrants are issued to the Term Loan Lenders but none of the 1,600,000 \$10 Warrants are issued.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Before the Business Combination		After the Business Combination			
			Assuming No Redemption		Assuming Maximum Redemption	
	Number of shares of Chardan common stock	%	Number of shares of New Dragonfly Common Stock	%	Number of shares of New Dragonfly Common Stock	%
All Directors and Executive Officers of Chardan as a Group (Eight Individuals)⁽¹⁾						
	3,662,500	22.45%	3,662,500	6.71%	3,662,500	8.74%
Five Percent Holders of Chardan:						
Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC ⁽²⁾	3,530,500	21.65%	3,530,500	6.47%	3,530,500	8.43%
HGC Investment Management Inc.	925,000	5.67%	925,000	1.70%	925,000	2.21%
MMCAP International Inc. SPC	900,000	5.52%	900,000	1.65%	900,000	2.15%
Polar Asset Management Partners Inc.	834,996	5.12%	834,996	1.53%	834,996	1.99%
Weiss Asset Management LP	900,000	5.52%	900,000	1.65%	900,000	2.15%
Directors and Executive Officers of New Dragonfly After Consummation of the Business Combination:						
Dr. Denis Phares ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	—	—	15,879,417	29.11%	15,879,417	37.90%
Sean Nichols ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾	—	—	3,521,860	6.46%	3,521,860	7.76%
John Marchetti	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nicole Harvey	—	—	23,679	*	23,679	*
Luisa Ingargiola	—	—	17,411	*	17,411	*
Brian Nelson	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Directors and Executive Officers of New Dragonfly as a Group ([Ten] Individuals)						
	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
Five Percent Holders of New Dragonfly After Consummation of the Business Combination:						
Dynavolt Technology (HK) Ltd.	—	—	11,851,700	21.73%	11,851,700	28.29%
David Gong	—	—	2,829,522	5.19%	2,829,522	6.75%

* Less than one percent.

- (1) Includes the 3,030,500 shares held by Sponsor, which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Jonas Grossman as the sole member of the Sponsor.
- (2) Includes 500,000 in PIPE Securities purchased pursuant to the Subscription Agreement. The Sponsor is the record holder of such shares. Jonas Grossman is the sole member of the Sponsor. As such, Mr. Grossman may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the common stock held directly by the Sponsor. Mr. Grossman disclaims any beneficial ownership of the reported shares other than to the extent of any pecuniary interest they may have therein, directly or indirectly. Certain other employees of Chardan or its affiliates, including each of our executive officers, have direct or indirect membership interests in the Sponsor, and thus have pecuniary interests in certain of the reported shares
- (3) Excludes 40,000,000 Earnout Shares of Common Stock as the earnout contingencies have not yet been met.
- (4) Includes 1,541,995 shares held on behalf of the Phares 2021 GRAT dated July 9, 2021, of which Dr. Phares is trustee.
- (5) Includes 71,169 shares held on behalf of the Nichols GRAT I dated June 14, 2021 and 3,394,761 held on behalf of the Nichols Living Trust 2015, of which Mr. Nichols is trustee.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PERSON TRANSACTIONS

Chardan Related Party Transactions

On July 23, 2020, the Sponsor purchased 1,000,000 shares of common stock of Chardan for an aggregate purchase price of \$25,000. On March 4, 2021, Chardan effected a 2.875-for-1 stock split, resulting in 2,875,000 shares of common stock being held by the Sponsor. In May and June 2021, the Sponsor transferred 20,000 Founder Shares to each of Messrs. Biele, Boyle, Hardamon, Thakrar and Thomson and Ms. Jardins. On August 10, 2021, we effectuated a 1.1-for-1 stock split, resulting in an aggregate of 3,162,500 founder shares outstanding.

On July 23, 2020, the Sponsor agreed to loan Chardan an aggregate of \$250,000 to cover expenses related to the Initial Public Offering pursuant to a promissory note (the “*Promissory Note*”). The Promissory Note was non-interest bearing, unsecured and was repaid at August 19, 2021. Chardan cannot make any additional draws under this promissory note.

In connection with the Chardan IPO, Holdings, an affiliate of the Sponsor, purchased from Chardan an aggregate of 4,627,858 private warrants (including 266,402 in connection with the underwriters’ full exercise of their over-allotment option), at a price of approximately \$0.93 per private warrant (an aggregate of \$4,303,907.94), with each private warrant exercisable for one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share.

If we do not complete our initial business combination by August 13, 2022 (or February 13, 2023, if we extend the period of time to consummate a business combination by the maximum amount as described in more detail in the Registration Statement), the proceeds from the sale of the private warrants will be included in the liquidating distribution to the holders of Chardan’s public shares. The private warrants are identical to the warrants sold as part of the public units in this offering except that, so long as they are held by the initial purchasers or their respective permitted transferees, the private warrants (i) will not be redeemable by Chardan, (ii) may not, subject to certain limited exceptions, be transferred, assigned or sold by the initial purchaser until 30 days after the completion of the Business Combination, and (iii) may be exercised by the holders on a cashless basis. The private warrants purchased by Holdings will not be exercisable after August 13, 2026, in accordance with Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, Rule 5110(g), as long as Chardan or any of its related persons beneficially own the private warrants.

To meet our working capital needs, if the funds not held in the trust account are insufficient, Chardan’s initial stockholders, officers and directors or their affiliates may, but are not obligated to, loan us funds, from time to time or at any time, in whatever amount they deem reasonable in their sole discretion. Each loan would be evidenced by a promissory note. The notes would be paid upon consummation of the Business Combination, without interest. Loans made by Chardan or any of its related persons will not be convertible into any of Chardan’s securities and Chardan and its related persons will have no recourse with respect to their ability to convert their loans into any of Chardan’s securities.

Chardan’s initial stockholders, holders of the private warrants (and all underlying securities) and holders of the warrants (and all underlying securities) issuable in payment of working capital loans made to Chardan, are entitled to registration rights pursuant to a registration rights agreement dated as of August 10, 2021, by and between Chardan, the Sponsor, Holdings, and the other parties thereto. The holders of a majority of these securities are entitled to make up to two demands that Chardan register such securities. The holders of the majority of the Founder Shares can elect to exercise these registration rights at any time commencing three months prior to the date on which these shares of common stock are to be released from escrow. The holders of a majority of the private warrants or warrants issued in payment of working capital loans made to Chardan can elect to exercise these registration rights at any time after Chardan consummates a business combination. In addition, the holders have certain “piggy-back” registration rights with respect to registration statements filed subsequent to our consummation of a business combination. Chardan will bear the expenses incurred in connection with the filing of any such registration statements. Chardan and its related persons may not, with respect to the private warrants purchased by Holdings, (i) have more than one demand registration right at Chardan’s expense, (ii) exercise their demand registration rights after August 13, 2026, and (iii) exercise their “piggy-back” registration rights after August 13, 2028, as long as Chardan or any of its related persons are beneficial owners of private warrants.

Chardan has until August 13, 2022, to consummate the Business Combination. However, if Chardan anticipates that it may not be able to consummate the Business Combination by August 13, 2022, Chardan's insiders or their affiliates may, but are not obligated to, extend the period of time to consummate a business combination up to two times by an additional three months each time (until February 13, 2023, for a total of up to 18 months to complete a business combination); provided that, pursuant to the terms of Chardan's amended and restated certificate of incorporation and the Investment Management Trust Agreement, the only way to extend the time available for Chardan to consummate the Business Combination is for Chardan's insiders or their affiliates or designees, upon five days' advance notice prior to the applicable deadline, to deposit into the trust account \$1,150,000 (\$0.10 per share in either case, or an aggregate of \$2,300,000), on or prior to the date of the applicable deadline. In the event that Chardan's insiders elected to extend the time to complete a business combination and deposited the applicable amount of money into trust, the insiders would receive a non-interest bearing, unsecured promissory note equal to the amount of any such deposit that will not be repaid in the event that Chardan is unable to close a business combination unless there are funds available outside the trust account to do so. In the event that Chardan receives notice from its insiders five days prior to the applicable deadline of their intent to effect an extension, Chardan intends to issue a press release announcing such intention at least three days prior to the applicable deadline. In addition, Chardan intends to issue a press release the day after the applicable deadline announcing whether or not the funds had been timely deposited. Chardan's insiders and their affiliates or designees are not obligated to fund the trust account to extend the time for Chardan to complete the Business Combination. To the extent that some, but not all, of Chardan's insiders, decide to extend the period of time to consummate the Business Combination, such insiders (or their affiliates or designees) may deposit the entire amount required. If Chardan is unable to consummate the Business Combination within such time period, Chardan will, as promptly as possible but not more than 10 business days thereafter, redeem 100% of Chardan's outstanding public shares for a pro rata portion of the funds held in the trust account, including a pro rata portion of any interest earned on the funds held in the trust account and not previously released to Chardan to pay its taxes, and then seek to dissolve and liquidate. However, Chardan may not be able to distribute such amounts as a result of claims of creditors which may take priority over the claims of Chardan's public stockholders. In the event of Chardan's dissolution and liquidation, the private units will expire and will be worthless.

Chardan is not prohibited from pursuing an initial business combination with a business that is affiliated with the Sponsor, its affiliates, or our officers or directors, including a business combination jointly with Chardan or one or more entities affiliated with Chardan (a "*Joint Affiliated Acquisition*"). In the event we seek to complete our initial business combination with a business that is affiliated with the Sponsor, its affiliates or our officers or directors, we, or a committee of independent directors, will obtain an opinion from an independent investment banking firm or another independent firm that commonly renders valuation opinions that our initial business combination is fair to our stockholders from a financial point of view. Any such Affiliated Joint Acquisition or specified future issuance would be in addition to, and would not include, the forward purchase securities issued pursuant to the forward purchase contract.

Chardan will reimburse its officers and directors for any reasonable out-of-pocket business expenses incurred by them in connection with certain activities on Chardan's behalf such as identifying and investigating possible target businesses and business combinations. There is no limit on the amount of out-of-pocket expenses reimbursable by Chardan; provided, however, that to the extent such expenses exceed the available proceeds not deposited in the trust account and the interest income earned on the amounts held in the trust account, such expenses would not be reimbursed by Chardan unless Chardan consummates the Business Combination. Chardan's audit committee will review and approve all reimbursements and payments made to any initial stockholder or member of Chardan's management team, or Chardan's or their respective affiliates, and any reimbursements and payments made to members of Chardan's audit committee will be reviewed and approved by Chardan's Board of Directors, with any interested director abstaining from such review and approval.

No compensation or fees of any kind, including finder's fees, consulting fees or other similar compensation, will be paid to any of Chardan's initial stockholders, officers or directors who owned shares of Chardan common stock prior to the Chardan IPO, or to any of their respective affiliates, prior to or with respect to the business combination (regardless of the type of transaction that it is).

All ongoing and future transactions between Chardan and any of Chardan's officers and directors or their respective affiliates will be on terms believed by Chardan to be no less favorable to Chardan than are

available from unaffiliated third parties. Such transactions, including the payment of any compensation, will require prior approval by a majority of Chardan's uninterested "independent" directors or the members of Chardan's board who do not have an interest in the transaction, in either case who had access, at Chardan's expense, to Chardan's attorneys or independent legal counsel. Chardan will not enter into any such transaction unless Chardan's disinterested "independent" directors determine that the terms of such transaction are no less favorable to Chardan than those that would be available to Chardan with respect to such a transaction from unaffiliated third parties.

On August 11, 2021, we began to pay \$10,000 per month to the Sponsor for office space, administrative and shared personnel support services. Upon completion of the Business Combination or our liquidation, we will cease paying these monthly fees. Accordingly, in the event the consummation of the Business Combination takes until August 13, 2022, the Sponsor will be paid a total of \$120,000 (\$10,000 per month) and will be entitled to be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses.

We may engage Chardan Capital Markets, or another affiliate of the Sponsor, as a financial advisor in connection with the Business Combination and pay such affiliate a customary financial advisory fee in an amount that constitutes a market standard financial advisory fee for comparable transactions. Furthermore, we may acquire a target company that has engaged Chardan, or another affiliate of the Sponsor, as a financial advisor, and such target company may pay such affiliate a financial advisory fee in connection with the Business Combination.

We have engaged Chardan Capital Markets as an advisor in connection with the Business Combination, pursuant to the Business Combination Marketing Agreement. Pursuant to that agreement, we will pay Chardan Capital Markets a cash fee for such services upon the consummation of the Business Combination in an amount equal to, in the aggregate, \$4,427,500, being 3.5% of the gross proceeds of the Chardan IPO. As a result, Chardan Capital Markets will not be entitled to such fee unless we consummate the Business Combination. Chardan Capital Markets also acted as Chardan's placement agent with respect to potential PIPE investments. Mr. Grossman is the Chief Executive Officer of, and Mr. Weil is Managing Director and Co-Head of Fintech Investment Banking of, Chardan Capital Markets, an affiliate of Chardan. Mr. Grossman, Mr. Weil and Mr. Propper are also members of the board of directors of Chardan Capital Markets.

Related Party Financing

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan entered into the Subscription Agreement with the Sponsor, an affiliate of Chardan. Pursuant to the Subscription Agreement, the Sponsor agreed to subscribe for and purchase, and Chardan agreed to issue and sell to the Sponsor, on the Closing Date, an aggregate of 500,000 shares of PIPE Securities in exchange for an aggregate purchase price of \$5,000,000. The number of PIPE Securities that the Sponsor is obligated to purchase under the Subscription Agreement shall be reduced by the number of shares of common stock of Chardan that the Sponsor may purchase in the open market. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Subscription Agreement*" for additional information.

Concurrently with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly entered into a commitment letter (the "*Debt Commitment Letter*") with CCM Investments 5 LLC, an affiliate of Chardan Capital Markets (the "*Chardan Lender*"), and EICF Agent LLC (collectively, the "*Term Loan Lenders*"), pursuant to which the Term Loan Lenders have agreed to provide Dragonfly with a senior secured term loan facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$75 million (the "*Term Loan*") on the Closing Date subject to the satisfaction of a number of specified conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter. The obligations of the Term Loan Lenders to provide the Term Loan will terminate on October 31, 2022. The Chardan Lender intends to backstop its commitment under the Debt Commitment Letter by entering into a backstop commitment letter (the "*Backstop Commitment Letter*") with certain third party financing sources (the "*Backstop Lenders*") prior to the Closing Date. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Debt Commitment Letter*" for additional information.

In addition, pursuant to the Equity Facility Letter Agreement, Chardan and Dragonfly agreed to enter into the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation reflecting the terms in the Equity Facility Letter Agreement

prior to the Closing Date. Under the terms of the Equity Facility, the Equity Facility Investor, CCM Investments 5 LLC, will commit to purchase up to an aggregate of \$150,000,000 in shares of New Dragonfly's common stock from time to time at the request of the New Dragonfly, subject to certain limitations and the satisfaction of certain conditions. The purchase price for the shares of New Dragonfly common stock that New Dragonfly elects to sell to the Equity Facility Investor will be determined by reference to the VWAP of such shares during the applicable purchase date, less a fixed 3.5% discount to such VWAP. In addition, New Dragonfly will agree to issue Equity Facility Commitment Shares having a value of \$1 million determined based on the applicable trading price at the time of issuance to the Equity Facility Investor as consideration for its irrevocable commitment to purchase the shares of New Dragonfly common stock upon the terms and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation. Please see the section entitled "*Proposal No. 1 — The Business Combination Proposal — Related Agreements — Equity Facility Letter Agreement*" for additional information.

Dragonfly Related Party Transactions

As an inducement to hire Mr. John Marchetti as Dragonfly's Chief Financial Officer, Dragonfly loaned Mr. Marchetti \$350,000 to repay amounts owed by him to his former employer and entered into a related Promissory Note with a maturity of March 1, 2026.

SECURITIES ACT RESTRICTIONS ON RESALE OF CHARDAN'S SECURITIES

In general, Rule 144 of the Securities Act ("*Rule 144*") permits the resale of restricted securities without registration under the Securities Act if certain conditions are met. Rule 144 is not available for the resale of restricted securities initially issued by shell companies (other than business combination related shell companies) or issuers that have been at any time previously a shell company, including us. However, Rule 144 also includes an important exception to this prohibition if the following conditions are met at the time of such resale:

- the issuer of the securities that was formerly a shell company has ceased to be a shell company;
- the issuer of the securities is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act;
- the issuer of the securities has filed all Exchange Act reports and material required to be filed, as applicable, during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the issuer was required to file such reports and materials), other than Current Reports on Form 8-K; and
- at least one year has elapsed from the time that the issuer filed current Form 10 type information with the SEC reflecting its status as an entity that is not a shell company.

We anticipate that following the consummation of the Business Combination, we will no longer be a shell company, and as long as the conditions set forth in the exceptions listed above are satisfied, Rule 144 will become available for the resale of our restricted securities.

If the above conditions have been met and Rule 144 is available, a person who has beneficially owned restricted shares of common stock or warrants for at least one year would be entitled to sell their securities pursuant to Rule 144, provided that such person is not deemed to be one of our affiliates at the time of, or at any time during the three months preceding, a sale. If such persons are deemed to be our affiliates at the time of, or at any time during the three months preceding, a sale, such persons would be subject to additional restrictions, by which such person would be entitled to sell within any three-month period only a number of securities that does not exceed the greater of:

- 1% of the total number of shares of common stock or warrants, as applicable, then outstanding; or
- the average weekly reported trading volume of the common stock or warrants, as applicable, during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of a notice on Form 144 with respect to the sale.

Sales by affiliates under Rule 144, when available, will also be limited by manner of sale provisions and notice requirements.

As of the date of this proxy statement, Chardan had [•] shares of common stock outstanding. Of these shares, [•] shares sold in the Chardan IPO are freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act, except for any shares purchased by one of our affiliates within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act. All of the shares of Chardan common stock owned by the Sponsor are restricted securities under Rule 144, in that they were issued in private transactions not involving a public offering. If the Business Combination is approved, the PIPE Securities to be issued pursuant to the Subscription Agreement will be restricted securities for purposes of Rule 144. Pursuant to the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement, we will be obligated to submit to or file with the SEC, within 30 calendar days after the Closing, a registration statement registering for resale, pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act, the PIPE Securities and to use commercially reasonable efforts to have such shelf registration statement declared effective as soon as practicable after the filing thereof, but no later than the earlier of (i) 90 calendar days after the filing thereof if the SEC notifies us that it will "review" the shelf registration statement and (ii) the 10th business day after the date we are notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the SEC that the shelf registration statement will not be "reviewed" or will not be subject to further review.

As of the date of this proxy statement, there are 14,115,358 warrants of Chardan outstanding, consisting of 9,487,500 public warrants originally sold as part of the units issued in the Chardan IPO and 4,627,858 private warrants that were sold by Chardan to the Sponsor in a private sale prior to the Chardan IPO. Each warrant is exercisable for one share of Chardan common stock, in accordance with the terms of the Warrant Agreement governing the warrants. The public warrants are freely tradable, except for any warrants purchased

by one of our affiliates within the meaning of Rule 144 under the Securities Act. In addition, we will be obligated to file no later than 60 days after the Closing a registration statement under the Securities Act covering the 14,115,358 shares of Chardan common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of the public warrants, and cause such registration statement to become effective and maintain the effectiveness of such registration statement until the expiration of the warrants.

We expect Rule 144 to be available for the resale of the above noted restricted securities as long as the conditions set forth in the exceptions listed above are satisfied following the Business Combination.

APPRAISAL RIGHTS AND DISSENTER'S RIGHTS**Chardan**

Neither Chardan stockholders nor Chardan unit or warrant holders have appraisal rights under the DGCL in connection with the Business Combination.

Dissenter's Rights for Holders of Dragonfly Shares

Under the Nevada Dissenter's Rights Statutes (NRS 92A.300 through NRS 92A.500, inclusive), any Dragonfly stockholder who does not vote or sign a written consent (and who does not cause or permit the stockholder's shares to be voted) in favor of the Merger will have the right to dissent from the Merger and, in lieu of receiving the Per Share Merger Consideration with respect to the stockholder's Dragonfly shares, obtain payment of the fair value (as defined in NRS 92A.320) of the stockholder's Dragonfly shares, but only if the stockholder complies with all other applicable requirements under the Nevada Dissenter's Rights Statutes. The Dragonfly stockholders must also approve the Merger, and the Dragonfly Stockholder Approval must be obtained and delivered to Chardan by execution of a written consent by 85% of the outstanding shares of Dragonfly common stock.

If the Business Combination is approved and the Merger is consummated, Dragonfly will comply with the applicable provisions of the Nevada Dissenter's Rights Statutes, including by providing the notification required by NRS 92A.410(2) and the dissenter's notice described in NRS 92A.430.

LEGAL MATTERS

The legality of the securities offered by this proxy statement/prospectus will be passed upon for Dragonfly by O'Melveny & Myers LLP, San Francisco, California. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for Chardan by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, New York.

EXPERTS

The financial statements of Dragonfly and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, appearing in this proxy statement/prospectus, have been so included in reliance on the reports of BDO USA, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firms as experts in auditing and accounting.

The financial statements of Chardan as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and for the year ended December 31, 2021 and for the period from June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020 included in this proxy statement/prospectus have been audited by WithumSmith+Brown, PC, an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon, appearing elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, and are included in reliance on such report given upon such firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

SUBMISSION OF STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

The Chardan Board is aware of no other matter that may be brought before the special meeting. Under Delaware law, only business that is specified in the notice of special meeting to stockholders may be transacted at the special meeting.

FUTURE STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

If the Business Combination is completed, you will be entitled to attend and participate in New Dragonfly's annual meetings of stockholders. For any proposal to be considered for inclusion in New Dragonfly's proxy statement and form of proxy for submission to the stockholders at its 2022 annual meeting of stockholders, it must be submitted in writing and comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act and the amended and restated bylaws. Such proposals must be received by New Dragonfly at its executive offices a reasonable time before New Dragonfly begins to print and mail its 2022 annual meeting proxy materials in order to be considered for inclusion in New Dragonfly's proxy materials for the 2022 annual meeting.

OTHER STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Stockholders and interested parties may communicate with the Chardan Board, any committee chairperson or the non-management directors as a group by writing to the Chardan Board or committee chairperson in care of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., 17 State Street, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10004.

DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS TO STOCKHOLDERS

Pursuant to the rules of the SEC, Chardan and services that it employs to deliver communications to its stockholders are permitted to deliver to two or more stockholders sharing the same address a single copy of each of Chardan's annual report to stockholders and Chardan's proxy statement. Upon written or oral request, Chardan will deliver a separate copy of the annual report and/or proxy statement to any stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of each document was delivered and who wishes to receive separate copies of such documents. Stockholders receiving multiple copies of such documents may likewise request that Chardan deliver single copies of such documents in the future. Stockholders receiving multiple copies of such documents may request that Chardan deliver single copies of such documents in the future. Stockholders may notify Chardan of their requests by calling or writing Chardan at its principal executive offices at 17 State Street, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10004.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Chardan files reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC as required by the Exchange Act. You may access information on Chardan at the SEC web site containing reports, proxy statements and other information at: <http://www.sec.gov>.

Information and statements contained in this proxy statement or any annex to this proxy statement are qualified in all respects by reference to the copy of the relevant contract or other annex filed as an exhibit to this proxy statement.

All information contained in this document relating to Chardan has been supplied by Chardan, and all such information relating to Dragonfly has been supplied by Dragonfly. Information provided by one another does not constitute any representation, estimate or projection of the other.

If you would like additional copies of this document or if you have questions about the Business Combination, you should contact via phone or in writing:

Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.
17 State Street, 21st Floor,
New York, NY 10004
Tel.: (646) 465-9001

or

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If you are a stockholder of Chardan and would like to request documents, please do so by August 25, 2022, in order to receive them before the special meeting. If you request any documents from us, we will mail them to you by first class mail, or another equally prompt means.

This document is a proxy statement of Chardan for the special meeting. We have not authorized anyone to give any information or make any representation about the Business Combination, Dragonfly or Chardan that is different from, or in addition to, that contained in this proxy statement. Therefore, if anyone does give you information of this sort, you should not rely on it. The information contained in this proxy statement speaks only as of the date of this proxy statement, unless the information specifically indicates that another date applies.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of
Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders’ equity and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2021 and for the period from June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2021 and for the period from June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, if the Company is unable to raise additional funds to alleviate liquidity needs and complete a business combination by August 23, 2022 then the Company will cease all operations except for the purpose of liquidating. The liquidity condition and date for mandatory liquidation and subsequent dissolution raise substantial doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. Management’s plans in regard to these matters are also described in Note 1. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ WithumSmith+Brown, PC

We have served as the Company’s auditor since 2021.

New York, New York
March 28, 2022

PCAOB ID Number 100

CHARDAN NEXTECH ACQUISITION 2 CORP.

BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 799,808	\$25,000
Prepaid expenses	302,590	—
Total current assets	1,102,398	25,000
Investments held in Trust Account	128,421,215	—
Total Assets	\$129,523,613	\$25,000
LIABILITIES, COMMON STOCK SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE REDEMPTION AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 16,862	\$ —
Accrued expenses	31,749	1,000
Franchise tax payable	65,600	—
Total current liabilities	114,211	1,000
Warrant liabilities	2,036,258	—
Total Liabilities	2,150,469	1,000
Commitments and Contingencies		
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value; 12,650,000 and 0 shares at redemption value of \$10.15 at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively	128,397,500	—
Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)		
Preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized; none issued or outstanding at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively	—	—
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized; 3,162,500 shares issued and outstanding (excluding 12,650,000 and 0 shares subject to possible redemption) at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively	317	317
Additional paid-in capital	—	24,683
Accumulated deficit	(1,024,673)	(1,000)
Total Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)	(1,024,356)	24,000
Total Liabilities, Common Stock Subject to Possible Redemption and Stockholders' (Deficit) Equity	\$129,523,613	\$25,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	For the year ended December 31, 2021	For the period from June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020
Operating and formation costs	\$ 292,074	\$ 1,000
Franchise tax expense	65,600	—
Loss from operations	(357,674)	(1,000)
Warrant issuance costs	(18,797)	—
Loss on sale of private warrants	(1,253,928)	—
Net gain on investments held in Trust Account	23,715	—
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	3,517,171	—
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,910,487	\$ (1,000)
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	7,732,021	2,750,000
Basic net income (loss) per common share	\$ 0.25	\$ (0.00)
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	7,991,952	2,750,000
Diluted net income (loss) per common share	\$ 0.24	\$ (0.00)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 23, 2020 (INCEPTION)
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	Common Stock		Additional	Accumulated	Total
	Shares	Amount	Paid-in Capital	Deficit	Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)
Balance at June 23, 2020 (inception)	—	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Issuance of common stock to Sponsor ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	3,162,500	317	24,683	—	25,000
Net loss	—	—	—	(1,000)	(1,000)
Balance at December 31, 2020	3,162,500	317	24,683	(1,000)	24,000
Proceeds from Initial Public Offering Costs allocated to Public Warrants (net of offering costs)	—	—	15,052,646	—	15,052,646
Accretion of common stock to redemption amount	—	—	(15,077,329)	(2,934,160)	(18,011,489)
Net income	—	—	—	1,910,487	1,910,487
Balance at December 31, 2021	<u>3,162,500</u>	<u>\$317</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$(1,024,673)</u>	<u>\$ (1,024,356)</u>

(1) Includes up to 412,500 shares of common stock subject to forfeiture if the over-allotment option is not exercised in full or in part by the underwriter. On August 18, 2021, the underwriters' exercised the over-allotment option in full, thus these shares are no longer subject to forfeiture (see Note 6).

(2) On March 4, 2021, the Company effected a 2.875-for-1 stock split, resulting in 2,875,000 shares of common stock outstanding (see Note 5). On August 10, 2021, the Company effectuated a 1.1-for-1 stock split, resulting in an aggregate of 3,162,500 shares of common stock outstanding (see Note 5). All share and per-share amounts have been retroactively restated to reflect the two stock splits.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the year ended December 31, 2021	For the Period from June 23, 2020 (inception) Through December 31, 2020
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,910,487	\$ (1,000)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:		
Warrant issuance costs	18,797	—
Net gain on investments held in Trust Account	(23,715)	—
Loss on sale of private warrants	1,253,928	—
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	(3,517,171)	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts payable	16,863	—
Accrued expenses	30,749	\$ 1,000
Prepaid expenses	(302,590)	—
Franchise tax payable	65,600	—
Net cash used in operating activities	(547,052)	—
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Cash deposited in Trust Account	(128,397,500)	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(128,397,500)	—
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from initial public offering, net of underwriter's discount paid	126,000,000	—
Proceeds from promissory note – related party	155,000	—
Repayment of promissory note – related party	(155,000)	—
Proceeds from issuance of Founder Shares to Sponsor	—	25,000
Proceeds from sale of private warrants	4,299,500	—
Payment of offering costs	(580,140)	—
Net cash provided by financing activities	129,719,360	25,000
Net Change in Cash	774,808	25,000
Cash – beginning of period	25,000	—
Cash – end of period	\$ 799,808	\$25,000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CHARDAN NEXTECH ACQUISITION 2 CORP.**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****DECEMBER 31, 2021****NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp (the “Company”) is a blank check company incorporated in Delaware on June 23, 2020. The Company was formed for the purpose of entering into a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses (a “Business Combination”). The Company is not limited to a particular industry or geographic region for purposes of consummating a Business Combination. The Company is an early stage and emerging growth company and, as such, the Company is subject to all of the risks associated with early stage and emerging growth companies.

As of December 31, 2021, the Company had not commenced any operations. All activity for the year ended December 31, 2021 and for the period from June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020 relates to the Company’s formation and initial public offering (“Initial Public Offering”) described below, and, subsequent to the Initial Public Offering, identifying a target company for a Business Combination. The Company will not generate any operating revenues until after completion of its initial Business Combination, at the earliest. The Company generates non-operating income in the form of interest income from the proceeds derived from the Initial Public Offering.

The registration statement on Form S-1 (the “Registration Statement”) for the Company’s Initial Public Offering was declared effective on August 10, 2021. On August 13, 2021, the Company consummated the Initial Public Offering of 11,000,000 units (the “Units” and, with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of the Company included in the Units sold, the “Public Shares”, and with respect to the warrants of the Company included in the Units sold, the “Public Warrants”), at \$10.00 per Unit, generating gross proceeds of \$110,000,000, which is discussed in Note 3.

Simultaneously with the closing of the Initial Public Offering, the Company consummated the sale of 4,361,456 warrants (the “Private Warrants”, together with the Public Warrants, the “Warrants”) at a price of \$0.93 per Private Warrant in a private placement to Chardan NexTech 2 Warrant Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Holdings”), an affiliate of Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Sponsor”), generating gross proceeds of \$4,052,000, which is described in Note 4.

The Company had granted the underwriters in the Initial Public Offering a 45-day option to purchase up to 1,650,000 Units to cover over-allotments, if any (see Note 6). On August 16, 2021, the underwriters fully exercised the over-allotment option and, on August 18, 2021, purchased an additional 1,650,000 Units (the “Over-Allotment Units”) at a purchase price of \$10.00 per Over-Allotment Unit, generating gross proceeds of \$16,500,000.

Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the over-allotment option, the Company consummated the sale of 266,402 warrants (the “Over-Allotment Private Warrants”) at a purchase price of \$0.93 per Over-Allotment Private Warrant in a private placement to the Holdings, generating gross proceeds of \$247,500.

Following the closing of the Initial Public Offering and underwriters’ over-allotment option, an amount of \$128,397,500 from the net proceeds of the sale of the Units and Over-Allotment Units and a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Private Warrants and Over-Allotment Private Warrants was placed in a trust account (the “Trust Account”) and was invested only in U.S. government securities, within the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(16) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “*Investment Company Act*”), with a maturity of 185 days or in money market funds meeting certain conditions under Rule 2a-7 promulgated under the Investment Company Act which invest only in direct U.S. government treasury obligations, until the earlier of: (i) the completion of a Business Combination and (ii) the distribution of the funds held in the Trust Account, as described below.

Transaction costs related to the issuances described above amounted to \$1,080,140, consisting of \$500,000 of cash underwriting fees and \$580,140 of other offering costs.

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The Company will provide its holders of the outstanding Public Shares (the “public stockholders”) with the opportunity to redeem all or a portion of their Public Shares upon the completion of a Business Combination either (i) in connection with a stockholder meeting called to approve the Business Combination or (ii) by means of a tender offer. The decision as to whether the Company will seek stockholder approval of a Business Combination or conduct a tender offer will be made by the Company, solely in its discretion. The public stockholders will be entitled to redeem their Public Shares for a pro rata portion of the amount then in the Trust Account (\$10.15 per Public Share, plus any pro rata interest earned on the funds held in the Trust Account and not previously released to the Company to pay its tax obligations). The Public Shares subject to redemption was recorded at redemption value and classified as temporary equity upon the completion of the Initial Public Offering in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board’s (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity* (“ASC 480”).

The Company will proceed with a Business Combination only if the Company has net tangible assets of at least \$5,000,001 either prior to or upon such consummation of a Business Combination and, if the Company seeks stockholder approval, a majority of the shares voted are voted in favor of the Business Combination. If a stockholder vote is not required by law and the Company does not decide to hold a stockholder vote for business or other reasons, the Company will, pursuant to its amended and restated certificate of incorporation, conduct the redemptions pursuant to the tender offer rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and file tender offer documents with the SEC prior to completing a Business Combination. If, however, stockholder approval of the transaction is required by law, or the Company decides to obtain stockholder approval for business or other reasons, the Company will offer to redeem shares in conjunction with a proxy solicitation pursuant to the proxy rules and not pursuant to the tender offer rules. If the Company seeks stockholder approval in connection with a Business Combination, the Sponsor has agreed to vote its Founder Shares (as defined in Note 5) and any Public Shares purchased during or after the Initial Public Offering in favor of approving a Business Combination. Additionally, each public stockholder may elect to redeem their Public Shares irrespective of whether they vote for or against the proposed transaction.

Notwithstanding the above, if the Company seeks stockholder approval of a Business Combination and it does not conduct redemptions pursuant to the tender offer rules, the amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that a public stockholder, together with any affiliate of such stockholder or any other person with whom such stockholder is acting in concert or as a “group” (as defined under Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)), will be restricted from redeeming its shares with respect to more than an aggregate of 15% or more of the Public Shares, without the prior consent of the Company.

The Company will have 12 months, or August 13, 2022, from the closing of the Initial Public Offering to consummate an initial Business Combination. However, if the Company anticipates that it may not be able to consummate an initial Business Combination within 12 months, the Company’s insiders or their affiliates may, but are not obligated to, extend the period of time to consummate a Business Combination up to two times by an additional three months each time (for a total of up to 18 months, or February 13, 2023, to complete a Business Combination). If the Company is unable to consummate an initial Business Combination within the above time period, the Company will distribute the aggregate amount then on deposit in the Trust Account, pro rata to the Company’s public stockholders, by way of the redemption of their shares and thereafter cease all operations except for the purposes of winding up of the Company’s affairs. In such event, the warrants will expire and be worthless.

The initial stockholders have agreed to waive their redemption rights with respect to any shares they own in connection with the consummation of the initial Business Combination, including their Founder Shares and Public Shares that they purchase during or after the offering, if any. In addition, the initial stockholders have agreed to waive their rights to liquidating distributions with respect to their Founder Shares if the Company fails to consummate an initial Business Combination within 18 months (assuming both of the three-month extensions were executed) from the closing of this offering. However, if the initial stockholders

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acquire Public Shares in or after the Initial Public Offering, they will be entitled to receive liquidating distributions with respect to such Public Shares if the Company fails to consummate an initial Business Combination within the required time period.

In order to protect the amounts held in the Trust Account, the Sponsor has agreed to be liable to the Company if and to the extent any claims by a third party (other than the Company's independent registered accounting firm) for services rendered or products sold to the Company, or a prospective target business with which the Company has discussed entering into a transaction agreement, reduce the amount of funds in the Trust Account to below (1) \$10.15 per Public Share or (2) the actual amount per Public Share held in the Trust Account as of the date of the liquidation of the Trust Account due to reductions in the value of the trust assets, in each case net of the interest which may be withdrawn to pay the Company's taxes, provided that such liability will not apply to any claims by a third party or prospective target business who executed a waiver of any and all rights to the monies held in the Trust Account (whether or not such waiver is enforceable) nor will it apply to any claims under the Company's indemnity of the underwriters of the Initial Public Offering against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Company will seek to reduce the possibility that the Sponsor will have to indemnify the Trust Account due to claims of creditors by endeavoring to have all vendors, service providers (except for the Company's independent registered public accounting firm), prospective target businesses or other entities with which the Company does business, execute agreements with the Company waiving any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to monies held in the Trust Account.

Going Concern Consideration

As of December 31, 2021, the Company had \$799,808 in cash held outside of the Trust Account and working capital of \$988,186. The Company has incurred and expects to continue to incur significant costs in pursuit of its acquisition plans. In connection with our assessment of going concern considerations in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 205-40, "Presentation of Financial Statements — Going Concern," the Company has until February 13, 2023 to consummate a Business Combination. It is uncertain that the Company will be able to consummate a Business Combination by this time. If a Business Combination is not consummated by this date, there will be a mandatory liquidation and subsequent dissolution of the Company. Management has determined that the liquidity condition and mandatory liquidation, should a Business Combination not occur, and potential subsequent dissolution raises substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. No adjustments have been made to the carrying amounts of assets or liabilities should the Company be required to liquidate after February 13, 2023.

Risks and Uncertainties

Management continues to evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the industry and has concluded that while it is reasonably possible that the virus could have a negative effect on the Company's financial position, results of its operations, and/or search for a target company, the specific impact is not readily determinable as of the date of these financial statements. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

In February 2022, the Russian Federation and Belarus commenced a military action with the country of Ukraine. As a result of this action, various nations, including the United States, have instituted economic sanctions against the Russian Federation and Belarus. Further, the impact of this action and related sanctions on the world economy are not determinable as of the date of these financial statements. The specific impact on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows is also not determinable as of the date of these financial statements.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements of the Company are presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC.

CHARDAN NEXTECH ACQUISITION 2 CORP.**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****DECEMBER 31, 2021****Emerging Growth Company**

The Company is an “emerging growth company,” as defined in Section 2(a) of the Securities Act, as modified by the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the “JOBS Act”), and it may take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the independent registered public accounting firm attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in its periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved.

Further, Section 102(b)(1) of the JOBS Act exempts emerging growth companies from being required to comply with new or revised financial accounting standards until private companies (that is, those that have not had a Securities Act Registration Statement declared effective or do not have a class of securities registered under the Exchange Act) are required to comply with the new or revised financial accounting standards. The JOBS Act provides that a company can elect to opt out of the extended transition period and comply with the requirements that apply to non-emerging growth companies but any such election to opt out is irrevocable. The Company has elected not to opt out of such extended transition period, which means that when a standard is issued or revised and it has different application dates for public or private companies, the Company, as an emerging growth company, can adopt the new or revised standard at the time private companies adopt the new or revised standard. This may make comparison of the Company’s financial statements with another public company, which is neither an emerging growth company nor an emerging growth company which has opted out of using the extended transition period difficult or impossible because of the potential differences in accounting standards used.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting periods.

Making estimates requires management to exercise significant judgment. It is at least reasonably possible that the estimate of the effect of a condition, situation or set of circumstances that existed at the date of the financial statements, which management considered in formulating its estimate, could change in the near term due to one or more future confirming events. Accordingly, the actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The Company did not have any cash equivalents as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Investments Held in Trust Account

The Company’s portfolio of investments is comprised of U.S. government securities, within the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(16) of the Investment Company Act, with a maturity of 185 days or less, or investments in money market funds that invest in U.S. government securities and generally have a readily determinable fair value, or a combination thereof. When the Company’s investments held in the Trust Account are comprised of U.S. government securities, the investments are classified as trading securities. When the Company’s investments held in the Trust Account are comprised of money market funds, the investments are recognized at fair value. Trading securities and investments in money market funds are presented on the balance sheets at fair value at the end of each reporting period. Gains and losses resulting from the change in fair value of these

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securities is included in Net income (loss) from investments held in Trust Account in the accompanying statement of operations. The estimated fair values of investments held in the Trust Account are determined using available market information.

Common Stock Subject to Possible Redemption

The Company accounts for its common stock subject to possible redemption in accordance with the guidance in ASC Topic 480 “Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity.” Common stock subject to mandatory redemption (if any) is classified as liability instruments and is measured at fair value. Conditionally redeemable common stock (including common stock that feature redemption rights that is either within the control of the holder or subject to redemption upon occurrence of uncertain events not solely within the Company’s control) is classified as temporary equity. At all other times, common stock is classified as stockholders’ equity. The Company’s common stock feature certain redemption rights that is considered to be outside of the Company’s control and subject to the occurrence of uncertain future events. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2021, 12,650,000 shares of common stock subject to possible redemption is presented as temporary equity, outside of the stockholders’ equity section of the Company’s balance sheet. Effective with the closing of the Initial Public Offering, the Company recognized the accretion from the initial book value to redemption amount, which resulted in charges against additional paid-in capital (to the extent available) and accumulated deficit.

The Company recognizes changes in redemption value immediately as they occur and adjusts the carrying value of redeemable common stock to equal the redemption value at the end of each reporting period. This method would view the end of the reporting period as if it were also the redemption date for the security. Increases or decreases in the carrying amount of redeemable common stock is affected by charges against additional paid in capital and accumulated deficit.

As of December 31, 2021, the common stock reflected in the balance sheet is reconciled in the following table:

Gross proceeds	\$126,500,000
Less:	
Proceeds allocated to Public Warrants	(15,180,000)
Issuance costs allocated to common stock	(933,989)
Plus:	
Accretion of carrying value to redemption value	18,011,489
Common stock subject to possible redemption	<u>\$128,397,500</u>

Offering Costs associated with the Initial Public Offering

The Company complies with the requirements of ASC 340-10-S99-1 and SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin Topic 5A—*Expenses of Offering*. Offering costs consist principally of professional and registration fees incurred through the balance sheet date that are related to the Initial Public Offering. Offering costs directly attributable to the issuance of an equity contract to be classified in equity are recorded as a reduction in equity. Offering costs for equity contracts that are classified as assets and liabilities are expensed immediately. The Company incurred offering costs amounting to \$1,080,140, consisting of \$500,000 of cash underwriting fees and \$580,140 of other offering costs. The Company recorded \$933,989 of offering costs as a reduction of temporary equity in connection with the redeemable common stock included in the Units. The Company recorded \$127,354 as a reduction of permanent equity in connection with the Public Warrants included in the Units and immediately expensed \$18,797 of offering costs in connection with the Private Warrants that were classified as liabilities.

Warrant Liabilities

The Company accounts for warrants as either equity-classified or liability-classified instruments based on an assessment of the warrant’s specific terms and applicable authoritative guidance in ASC 480 and

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ASC 815, *Derivatives and Hedging* (“ASC 815”). The assessment considers whether the warrants are freestanding financial instruments pursuant to ASC 480, meet the definition of a liability pursuant to ASC 480, and whether the warrants meet all of the requirements for equity classification under ASC 815, including whether the warrants are indexed to the Company’s own common stock, among other conditions for equity classification. This assessment, which requires the use of professional judgment, is conducted at the time of warrant issuance and as of each subsequent quarterly period end date while the warrants are outstanding.

For issued or modified warrants that meet all of the criteria for equity classification, the warrants are required to be recorded as a component of additional paid-in capital at the time of issuance. For issued or modified warrants that do not meet all the criteria for equity classification, the warrants are required to be recorded at their initial fair value on the date of issuance, and each balance sheet date thereafter. Changes in the estimated fair value of the warrants will be recognized as a non-cash gain or loss on the statements of operations.

The Company accounts for the Private Warrants issued concurrently in connection with the Initial Public Offering in accordance with ASC 815-40, under which the Private Warrants will not meet the criteria for equity classification and must be recorded as liabilities. As the Private Warrants meet the definition of a derivative as contemplated in ASC 815, the Private Warrants will be measured at fair value at inception and at each reporting date in accordance with ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement* (“ASC 820”), with changes in fair value recognized in the statements of operations in the period of change.

The Public Warrants are not precluded from equity classification, and are accounted for as such on the date of issuance, and each balance sheet date thereafter.

Income Taxes

The Company complies with the accounting and reporting requirements of ASC Topic 740 — *Income Taxes* (“ASC 740”), which requires an asset and liability approach to financial accounting and reporting for income taxes. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed for differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities that will result in future taxable or deductible amounts, based on enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

ASC Topic 740 prescribes a recognition threshold and a measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. For those benefits to be recognized, a tax position must be more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. The Company recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits, if any, as income tax expense. There were no unrecognized tax benefits and no amounts accrued for interest and penalties as of December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020. The Company is currently not aware of any issues under review that could result in significant payments, accruals or material deviation from its position. The effective tax rate is less than the U.S. statutory corporate tax rate of 21% because of the unrealized change in fair value of warrant liabilities, which was the biggest factor in net income and is not taxable. The Company had a loss from operations during the year ended December 31, 2021. The Company is subject to income tax examinations by major taxing authorities since inception.

Net Income (Loss) Per Share of Common Stock

Net income (loss) per common share is computed by dividing net earnings by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. The Company has not considered the effect of the Warrants sold in the Initial Public Offering and private placement to purchase an aggregate of 14,115,358 shares in the calculation of diluted income per share, since the exercise of the Warrants are contingent upon the occurrence of future events.

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The following table reflects the calculation of basic and diluted net income (loss) per common share (in dollars, except per share amounts):

	For the year ended December 31, 2021	For the period from June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share:		
Numerator:		
Net income (loss)	<u>\$1,910,487</u>	<u>\$ (1,000)</u>
Denominator:		
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	7,732,021	2,750,000
Basic net income (loss) per common share	\$ 0.25	\$ (0.00)
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	7,991,952	2,750,000
Diluted net income (loss) per common share	\$ 0.24	\$ (0.00)

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist of a cash account in a financial institution, which, at times, may exceed the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation coverage limit of \$250,000. The Company has not experienced losses on this account and management believes the Company is not exposed to significant risks on such account.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company applies ASC 820, which establishes a framework for measuring fair value and clarifies the definition of fair value within that framework. ASC 820 defines fair value as an exit price, which is the price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the Company's principal or most advantageous market in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy established in ASC 820 generally requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the entity's own assumptions based on market data and the entity's judgments about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and are to be developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

The carrying amounts reflected in the balance sheet for current assets and current liabilities approximate fair value due to their short-term nature.

Level 1 — Assets and liabilities with unadjusted, quoted prices listed on active market exchanges. Inputs to the fair value measurement are observable inputs, such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 — Inputs to the fair value measurement are determined using prices for recently traded assets and liabilities with similar underlying terms, as well as direct or indirect observable inputs, such as interest rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

Level 3 — Inputs to the fair value measurement are unobservable inputs, such as estimates, assumptions, and valuation techniques when little or no market data exists for the assets or liabilities.

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See Note 10 for additional information on assets and liabilities measured at fair value.

Recent Accounting Standards

In August 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2020-06, Debt—Debt with Conversion and Other Options (Subtopic 470-20) and Derivatives and Hedging—Contracts in Entity’s Own Equity (Subtopic 815-40) (“ASU 2020-06”) to simplify accounting for certain financial instruments. ASU 2020-06 eliminates the current models that require separation of beneficial conversion and cash conversion features from convertible instruments and simplifies the derivative scope exception guidance pertaining to equity classification of contracts in an entity’s own equity. The new standard also introduces additional disclosures for convertible debt and freestanding instruments that are indexed to and settled in an entity’s own equity. ASU 2020-06 amends the diluted earnings per share guidance, including the requirement to use the if converted method for all convertible instruments. ASU 2020-06 is effective for the Company on January 1, 2024 and should be applied on a full or modified retrospective basis, with early adoption permitted beginning on January 1, 2021. The Company adopted ASU 2020-06 effective January 1, 2021 using the full retrospective method of transition. The adoption of ASU 2020-06 did not have a material impact on the financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

Management does not believe that any other recently issued, but not yet effective, accounting standards, if currently adopted, would have a material effect on the Company’s financial statements.

NOTE 3. INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING

The Registration Statement for the Company’s Initial Public Offering was declared effective on August 10, 2021. On August 13, 2021, the Company completed its Initial Public Offering of 11,000,000 Units, at \$10.00 per Unit, generating gross proceeds of \$110,000,000. Each Unit consisted of one Public Share, and three-quarters of one Public Warrant. Each Public Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per whole share (see Note 7).

The Company had granted the underwriters in the Initial Public Offering a 45-day option to purchase up to 1,650,000 additional Units to cover over-allotments, if any (see Note 6). On August 18, 2021, the underwriters fully exercised the over-allotment option and purchased an additional 1,650,000 Over-Allotment Units, generating gross proceeds of \$16,500,000.

NOTE 4. PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Simultaneously with the closing of the Initial Public Offering, Holdings purchased an aggregate of 4,361,456 Private Warrants at a price of \$0.93 per Private Warrant (\$4,052,000 in the aggregate). Each Private Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share (see Note 7).

The proceeds from the Private Warrants were added to the proceeds from the Initial Public Offering to be held in the Trust Account. If the Company does not complete a Business Combination within 12 months (or up to 18 months if the Company’s time to complete a Business Combination is extended), the proceeds of the sale of the Private Warrants will be used to fund the redemption of the Public Shares (subject to the requirements of applicable law) and the Private Warrants will expire worthless. The Company classifies the outstanding Private Warrants as warrant liabilities on the balance sheet in accordance with the guidance contained in ASC 815-40.

Simultaneously with the closing of the exercise of the over-allotment option (see Note 6), the Company consummated the sale of 266,402 Over-Allotment Private Warrants at a purchase price of \$0.93 per Over-Allotment Private Warrant in a private placement to Holdings, generating gross proceeds of \$247,500.

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On June 23, 2020, the Company issued 1,000,000 shares of common stock for an aggregate price of \$25,000 (the “Founder Shares”). On March 4, 2021, the Company effected a 2.875-for-1 stock split of its issued and outstanding shares of common stock, resulting in an aggregate of 2,875,000 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. On August 10, 2021, the Company effectuated a 1.1-for-1 stock split, resulting in an aggregate of 3,162,500 shares of common stock outstanding. Shares and the associated amounts have been retroactively restated in these financial statements to reflect the two stock splits. The Founder Shares include an aggregated of up to 412,500 shares of common stock subject to forfeiture by the initial stockholders to the extent that the underwriters’ over-allotment is not exercised in full or in part, so that the initial stockholders would collectively own, on an as-converted basis, 20% of the Company’s issued and outstanding shares after the Initial Public Offering.

On August 18, 2021, the underwriters’ exercised the over-allotment option in full, thus these shares are no longer subject to forfeiture (see Note 6).

With certain limited exceptions, of the Founder Shares will not be transferred, assigned, sold or released from escrow until the earlier of (i) six months after the date of the consummation of a Business Combination (the “Escrow Period”) or (ii) the date on which the closing price of the Company’s shares of common stock equals or exceeds \$12.50 per share (as adjusted for stock splits, stock dividends, reorganizations and recapitalizations) for any ten trading days within any 30-trading day period commencing after the consummation of a Business Combination. The remaining 50% of the Founder Shares will not be transferred, assigned, sold or released from escrow until the expiration of the Escrow Period. In either case, if, subsequent to a Business Combination, the Company consummates a subsequent liquidation, merger, stock exchange or other similar transaction which results in all of the stockholders having the right to exchange their shares of common stock for cash, securities or other property, and either (1) before the expiration of the Escrow Period, then the Founder Shares will be canceled, or (2) after the expiration of the Escrow Period, release the Founder Shares to the initial stockholders.

Promissory Note — Related Party

On July 23, 2020, the Sponsor agreed to loan the Company an aggregate of up to \$250,000 to cover expenses related to the Initial Public Offering pursuant to a promissory note (the “Promissory Note”). The promissory note was non-interest bearing, unsecured and was repaid at August 19, 2021. As of December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, there was no outstanding balance under the note. The Company cannot make any additional draws under this promissory note.

Administrative Support Agreement

The Company entered into an agreement, commencing on the effective date of the Initial Public Offering, to pay an affiliate of the Sponsor a total of \$10,000 per month for office space, administrative and support services. Upon completion of a Business Combination or liquidation, the Company will cease paying these monthly fees. To date, the Company has not exercised its option to use such services.

Related Party Loans

In order to finance transaction costs in connection with an intended initial Business Combination, the Company’s initial stockholders, officers and directors or any of their respective affiliates may, but are not obligated to, loan the Company funds as may be required from time to time or at any time, in whatever amount they deem reasonable in their sole discretion. Each loan would be evidenced by a promissory note. The notes would be paid upon consummation of an initial Business Combination, without interest. Loans made by Chardan Capital Markets, LLC or any of its related persons will not be convertible into any of the

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Company's securities and Chardan Capital Markets, LLC and its related persons will have no recourse with respect to their ability to convert their loans into any of the Company's securities. As of December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Company had no working capital loans outstanding.

NOTE 6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**Registration and Stockholder Rights Agreement**

The holders of the Founder Shares and Private Warrants (and any shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of the Private Warrants) will be entitled to registration rights pursuant to an agreement to be signed prior to or on the effective date of the Initial Public Offering. The holders of a majority of these securities are entitled to make up to two demands that the Company register such securities. The holders of the majority of the Founder Shares can elect to exercise these registration rights at any time commencing three months prior to the date on which these shares of common stock are to be released from escrow. The holders of a majority of the Private Warrants (and underlying securities) can elect to exercise these registration rights at any time after the Company consummates a Business Combination. In addition, the holders have certain "piggy-back" registration rights with respect to Registration Statements filed subsequent to the consummation of a Business Combination. The Company will bear the expenses incurred in connection with the filing of any such Registration Statements.

Underwriting Agreement

The Company granted the underwriters a 45-day option to purchase up to 1,650,000 additional Units to cover over-allotments at the Initial Public Offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions. On August 18, 2021, the underwriters fully exercised the over-allotment option to purchase an additional 1,650,000 Units at an offering price of \$10.00 per Unit for an aggregate purchase price of \$16,500,000. In addition, the underwriters were paid a cash underwriting discount of \$500,000 upon the closing of the Initial Public Offering.

Business Combination Marketing Agreement

The Company has engaged Chardan Capital Markets, LLC as an advisor in connection with the Company's Business Combination to assist the Company in holding meetings with the stockholders to discuss the potential Business Combination and the target business' attributes, introduce the Company to potential investors that are interested in purchasing the Company's securities, assist the Company in obtaining stockholder approval for the Business Combination and assist the Company with press releases and public filings in connection with the Business Combination. The Company will pay Chardan Capital Markets, LLC a cash fee for such services upon the consummation of the Company's initial Business Combination in an amount equal to, in the aggregate, 3.5% of the gross proceeds of the Initial Public Offering. As a result, Chardan Capital Markets, LLC will not be entitled to such fee unless the Company consummates the initial Business Combination.

Related Party Extension Loans

As discussed in Note 1, the Company may extend the period of time to consummate an initial Business Combination two times, for an additional three months each time (for a total of up to 18 months to complete a Business Combination). In order to extend the time available for the Company to consummate a Business Combination, the initial stockholders or their affiliates or designees must deposit into the Trust Account \$1,265,000 (\$0.10 per share, or an aggregate of \$2,530,000) if extended for each of the full three months), on or prior to the date of the applicable deadline. Any such payments would be made in the form of a loan. The terms of the promissory note to be issued in connection with any such loans have not yet been negotiated. If the Company completes an initial Business Combination, the Company would repay such loaned amounts out of the proceeds of the Trust Account released to the Company. If the Company does not complete an

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initial Business Combination, the Company will not repay such loans. The initial stockholders and their affiliates or designees are not obligated to fund the Trust Account to extend the time for the Company to complete an initial Business Combination.

NOTE 7. WARRANTS

As of December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 there was 9,487,500 and no Public Warrants and 4,627,858 and no Private Warrants outstanding, respectively. Each whole Public Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per whole share. Each of the Private Warrants is exercisable to purchase one share of common stock at a price of \$11.50 per share, subject to adjustment. The proceeds from the sale of the Private Warrants were added to the net proceeds from the Initial Public Offering to be held in the Trust Account. If the Company does not complete a Business Combination within the Combination Period, the proceeds from the sale of the Private Warrants will be used to fund the redemption of the Public Shares (and the Private Warrants will expire worthless). The Warrants provide for a cashless exercise which the Company's management determined to be a net settlement feature with no obligation to settle in cash. The net shares issued in a cashless exercise are based on the fair value of the Company's common stock at the time the Warrants are exercised.

Each Warrant shall, when countersigned by the Warrant Agent, entitle the Registered Holder to purchase from the Company the number of shares of common stock at \$11.50 per share. The Public Warrants may only be exercised for a whole number of Warrant Shares by a Registered Holder. No fractional shares will be issued.

A Warrant may be exercised only during the period ("Exercise Period") commencing 30 days after the completion of the Company's initial business combination and terminating at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the earlier to occur of (i) (A) five years following the completion of the Company's initial business combination with respect to the Public Warrants, and (B) five years from the effective date of the Registration Statement with respect to the Private Warrants purchased by Chardan NexTech 2 Warrant Holdings LLC, provided that once the Private Warrants are not beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by Chardan Capital Markets, LLC or any of its related persons anymore, the Private Warrants may not be exercised five years following the completion of the Company's initial business combination, and (ii) the date fixed for redemption of the Warrants as provided in Section 6 of this Warrant Agreement ("Expiration Date"). Except with respect to the right to receive the Redemption Price, each Warrant not exercised on or before the Expiration Date shall become void, and all rights thereunder and all rights shall cease at the close of business on the Expiration Date. The Company may extend the duration of the Warrants by delaying the Expiration Date; provided, however, that the Company (i) may not extend the duration of the Private Warrants by delaying the Expiration Date and (ii) will provide written notice of not less than 10 days to Registered Holders of such extension and that such extension shall be identical in duration among all of the then outstanding Warrants.

The Company is not required to issue any fraction of a Warrant Share in connection with the exercise of Warrants, and in any case where the Registered Holder would be entitled under the terms of the Warrants to receive a fraction of a Warrant Share upon the exercise of such Registered Holder's Warrants, issue or cause to be issued only the largest whole number of Warrant Shares issuable on such exercise (and such fraction of a Warrant Share will be disregarded); provided, that if more than one Warrant certificate is presented for exercise at the same time by the same Registered Holder, the number of whole Warrant Shares which shall be issuable upon the exercise thereof shall be computed on the basis of the aggregate number of Warrant Shares issuable on exercise of all such Warrants.

The Private Warrants: (i) will be exercisable either for cash or on a cashless basis at the holders option and (ii) will not be redeemable by the Company, in either case as long as the Private Warrants are held by the initial purchasers or any of their permitted transferees (as prescribed in the Subscription Agreement). The Private Warrants may not be sold, transferred, assigned, pledged or hypothecated, or be the subject of any hedging, short sale, derivative, put, or call transaction that would result in the effective economic disposition of, the

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Private Warrants (or any securities underlying the Private Warrants) for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days following the effective date of the Registration Statement to anyone other than any member participating in the Public Offering and the officers or partners thereof, if all securities so transferred remain subject to the lock-up restriction for the remainder of the time period.

All (and not less than all) of the outstanding Warrants may be redeemed, in whole and not in part, at the option of the Company, at any time from and after the Warrants become exercisable, and prior to their expiration, at the office of the Warrant Agent, at the price of \$.01 per Warrant ("Redemption Price"); provided that the last sales price of the common stock has been equal to or greater than \$16.00 per share (subject to adjustment for splits, dividends, recapitalizations and other similar events) (the "Redemption Trigger Price"), for any ten (10) trading days within a thirty (30) trading day period ending on the third business day prior to the date on which notice of redemption is given and provided further that there is a current Registration Statement in effect with respect to the shares of common stock underlying the Warrants for each day in the aforementioned 30-day trading period and continuing each day thereafter until the Redemption Date. For avoidance of doubt, if and when the warrants become redeemable by the Company, the Company may exercise its redemption right, even if it is unable to register or qualify the Warrant Shares for sale under all applicable state securities laws.

The Company accounts for the 4,627,858 Private Warrants issued in connection with the Initial Public Offering in accordance with the guidance contained in ASC 815-40. Such guidance provides that because the private warrants do not meet the criteria for equity treatment thereunder, each private warrant must be recorded as a liability. This liability is subject to re-measurement at each balance sheet date. With each such re-measurement, the warrant liabilities will be adjusted to its current fair value, with the change in fair value recognized in the Company's statement of operations. The Company will reassess the classification at each balance sheet date. If the classification changes as a result of events during the period, the warrants will be reclassified as of the date of the event that causes the reclassification.

The Public Warrants are not precluded from equity classification. Equity-classified contracts are initially measured at fair value (or allocated value). Subsequent changes in fair value are not recognized as long as the contracts continue to be classified in equity.

NOTE 8. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

Preferred stock — The Company is authorized to issue 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, with such designations, voting and other rights and preferences as may be determined from time to time by the Company's board of directors. As of December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Company had no issued or outstanding shares of preferred stock.

Common stock — The Company is authorized to issue 50,000,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$0.0001 per share. On December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, there were 15,812,500 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, including 12,650,000 shares of common stock subject to possible redemption. Of the 15,812,500 shares of common stock outstanding, up to 412,500 shares were subject to forfeiture to the Company by the initial stockholders for no consideration to the extent that the underwriters' over-allotment option was not exercised in full or in part, so that the initial stockholders would collectively own 20% of the Company's issued and outstanding common stock after the Initial Public Offering. On August 16, 2021, the underwriters' exercised the over-allotment option in full (see Note 6), thus these shares are no longer subject to forfeiture.

Common stockholders of record are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters to be voted on by stockholders. Unless specified in the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation or bylaws, or as required by applicable law or stock exchange rules, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Company's shares of common stock that are voted is required to approve any such matter voted on by the Company's stockholders (other than the election of directors).

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NOTE 9. INCOME TAX

The Company's net deferred tax assets (liabilities) as of December 31, 2021 is as follows:

Deferred tax assets:	
Start-up costs	\$ 61,335
Net operating loss carryforwards	298,437
Total deferred tax assets	359,772
Valuation allowance	(354,792)
Deferred tax liabilities:	
Unrealized gain on investments	(4,980)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(4,980)
Deferred tax assets, net of allowance	<u>\$ —</u>

The income tax provision for the year ended December 31, 2021 consists of the following:

Federal	
Current	\$ —
Deferred	(354,792)
State	
Current	—
Deferred	—
Change in valuation allowance	354,792
Income tax provision	<u>\$ —</u>

As of December 31, 2021, the Company has available U.S. federal operating loss carry forwards of approximately \$357,674 that may be carried forward indefinitely.

In assessing the realization of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which temporary differences representing future deductible amounts become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax assets, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. After consideration of all the information available, management believes that significant uncertainty exists with respect to future realization of the deferred tax assets and has therefore established a full valuation allowance. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the valuation allowance was \$354,792.

A reconciliation of the federal income tax rate to the Company's effective tax rate at December 31, 2021 is as follows:

Statutory federal income tax rate	21.0%
State taxes, net of federal tax benefit	0.0%
Change in fair value of derivative warrant liabilities	(40.8)%
Non-deductible transaction costs	0.2%
Change in valuation allowance	19.6%
Income tax provision	<u>0.0%</u>

Deferred tax assets were deemed to be de minimis as of December 31, 2020.

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NOTE 10. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following table presents information about the Company's financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2021, and indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation inputs the Company utilized to determine such fair value:

Description	Amount at Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
December 31, 2021				
Assets				
Investments held in Trust Account:				
Money Market investments	\$128,421,215	\$128,421,215	\$—	\$—
Liabilities				
Warrant liabilities – Private Placement Warrants	\$ 2,036,258	\$ —	\$—	\$2,036,258

The Company did not have any assets or liabilities measured at fair value as of December 31, 2020.

The Company utilizes a Black-Scholes method to value the Private Warrants at each reporting period, with changes in fair value recognized in the statement of operations. The estimated fair value of the warrant liabilities is determined using Level 3 inputs. Inherent in a Black-Scholes model are assumptions related to expected share-price volatility, expected life, risk-free interest rate and dividend yield. The Company estimates the volatility of its common stock based on historical volatility that matches the expected remaining life of the warrants. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury zero-coupon yield curve on the grant date for a maturity similar to the expected remaining life of the warrants. The expected life of the Private Warrants is assumed to be equivalent to their remaining contractual term. The dividend rate is based on the historical rate, which the Company anticipates to remain at zero.

The following table provides the significant inputs to the Black-Scholes method for the fair value of the Private Warrants:

	Initial Measurement	As of December 31, 2021
Stock price	\$10.00	\$ 9.97
Strike price	\$11.50	\$11.50
Dividend yield	—%	—%
Remaining term (in years)	5.00	4.61
Volatility	19.0%	9.1%
Risk-free rate	0.81%	1.20%
Fair value of warrants	\$ 1.20	\$ 0.44

The following table provides a summary of the changes in the fair value of the Company's Level 3 financial instruments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	Warrant Liabilities
Fair value as of June 23, 2020 (inception)	—
Initial measurement	5,553,429
Change in valuation inputs or other assumptions	(3,517,171)
Fair value as of December 31, 2021	<u>2,036,258</u>

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Transfers to/from Levels 1, 2, and 3 are recognized the beginning of the reporting period in which a change in valuation technique or methodology occurs. There were no transfers in or out of Level 3 from other levels in the fair value hierarchy for the period from June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2021.

The Company recognized gains in connection with changes in the fair value of warrant liabilities of \$3,517,171 within change in fair value of warrant liabilities in the Statements of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2021 and \$0 for the period from June 23, 2020 (inception) through December 31, 2020.

NOTE 11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company evaluated subsequent events and transactions that occurred after the balance sheet date up to the date that the financial statements were issued. Based upon this review, the Company did not identify any subsequent events that would have required adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Directors
Dragonfly Energy Corp.
Reno, Nevada

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Dragonfly Energy Corp. (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the related statements of income, shareholders’ equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/BDO USA, LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2021.

Spokane, Washington
April 20, 2022

DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.
BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020
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	2021	2020
Current Assets		
Cash	\$25,586	\$ 6,206
Restricted cash	3,044	—
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	783	1,840
Inventory	27,127	5,948
Prepaid expenses	293	351
Prepaid inventory	7,461	1,108
Other current assets	1,787	324
Total Current Assets	66,081	15,777
Property and Equipment		
Machinery and equipment	3,615	1,535
Office furniture and equipment	201	157
Leasehold improvements	1,307	635
Vehicle	195	33
	5,318	2,360
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(857)	(323)
Property and Equipment, Net	4,461	2,037
Operating lease right of use asset	5,709	993
Total Assets	\$76,251	\$18,807
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	11,360	3,091
Accrued payroll and other liabilities	2,608	767
Customer deposits	434	1,779
Uncertain tax position liability	—	19
Income tax payable	631	1,282
Notes payable, current portion	1,875	—
Operating lease liability, current portion	1,082	225
Total Current Liabilities	17,990	7,163
Long-Term Liabilities		
Notes payable-noncurrent, net of debt issuance costs	37,053	—
Deferred tax liabilities	453	331
Operating lease liability, net of current portion	4,694	758
Total Long-Term Liabilities	42,200	1,089
Total Liabilities	60,190	8,252
Commitments and Contingencies (See Note 2)		
Redeemable Preferred Stock		
Preferred stock, 10,000,000 shares at \$0.0002 par value, authorized, 10,000,000 shares issued and outstanding	2,000	2,000
Equity		
Common stock, 40,000,000 shares at \$0.0002 par value, authorized, 20,875,475 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2021, 20,040,470 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2020	4	4
Additional paid in capital	1,619	451
Retained earnings	12,438	8,100
Total Equity	14,061	8,555
Total Liabilities, Redeemable Preferred Stock and Shareholders' Equity	\$76,251	\$18,807

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.
STATEMENTS OF INCOME
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	2021	2020
Net Sales	\$ 78,000	\$ 47,187
Cost of Goods Sold	48,375	26,580
Gross Profit	29,625	20,607
Operating Expenses		
Research and development	2,689	1,239
General and administrative	10,621	4,662
Selling and marketing	9,848	5,960
Total Operating Expenses	23,158	11,861
Income From Operations	6,467	8,746
Other Income (Expense)		
Other Income	1	15
Interest Income (expense)	(519)	3
Total Other Income (Expense)	(518)	18
Income Before Taxes	5,949	8,764
Income Tax Expense	1,611	1,886
Net Income	\$ 4,338	\$ 6,878
Earnings Per Share – Basic	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.23
Earnings Per Share – Diluted	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.21
Weighted Average Number of Shares – Basic	20,101,129	20,040,470
Weighted Average Number of Shares – Diluted	21,931,108	21,388,785

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DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.
STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
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	Redeemable Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount			
Balance – December 31, 2019	10,000,000	\$2,000	20,000,000	\$ 4	\$ 88	\$ 1,222	\$ 1,314
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	6,878	6,878
Stock compensation expense	—	—	8,200	—	351	—	351
Exercise of stock options	—	—	32,270	—	12	—	12
Balance – December 31, 2020	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>20,040,470</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>451</u>	<u>8,100</u>	<u>8,555</u>
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	4,338	4,338
Stock compensation expense	—	—	—	—	734	—	734
Exercise of stock options	—	—	835,005	—	434	—	434
Balance – December 31, 2021	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>20,875,475</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$1,619</u>	<u>\$12,438</u>	<u>\$14,061</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

DRAGONFLY ENERGY
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
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	2021	2020
Cash flows from Operating Activities		
Net Income	\$ 4,338	\$ 6,878
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash		
(Used in) Provided by Operating Activities		
Stock based compensation	734	351
Amortization of debt discount	206	—
Deferred tax liability	122	210
Depreciation and amortization	617	198
Provision for doubtful accounts	50	—
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	124	—
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
Accounts receivable	1,007	(1,640)
Inventories	(21,179)	(3,406)
Prepaid expenses	58	(309)
Prepaid inventory	(6,353)	(630)
Other current assets	(1,214)	(253)
Other assets	1,029	144
Income taxes payable	(651)	1,279
Accounts payable and other liabilities	8,903	2,159
Uncertain tax position liability	(19)	19
Customer deposits	(1,345)	1,640
Total Adjustments	(19,764)	(997)
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Operating Activities	(13,573)	6,640
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(2,970)	(1,410)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	61	—
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(2,909)	(1,410)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Proceeds from note payable	45,000	—
Payments of debt issuance costs	(6,278)	—
Proceeds from exercise of options	184	12
Proceeds from revolving note agreement	5,000	—
Repayments of revolving note agreement	(5,000)	—
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	38,906	12
Net Increase in Cash and Restricted Cash	22,424	5,242
Beginning cash and restricted cash	6,206	964
Ending cash and restricted cash	<u>\$ 28,630</u>	<u>\$ 6,206</u>
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 2,390	\$ 292
Cash paid for interest	\$ 313	\$ —
Supplemental Non-Cash Items		
Receivable of options exercised	\$ 250	\$ —
Purchases of property and equipment, not yet paid	\$ 255	\$ —
Recognition of right of use asset obtained in exchange for operating lease liability	\$ 5,745	\$ 661

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTE 1 — NATURE OF BUSINESS

Dragonfly Energy Corp., (the “Company”), was organized as a limited liability company in the State of Nevada on October 15, 2012. The Company was reorganized as a corporation under the laws of the State of Nevada on April 11, 2016. The Company sells lithium-ion battery packs for use in a wide variety of applications. The Company sells to distributors under the Dragonfly Energy Corp name and sells direct to consumers under the trade name Battleborn Batteries. In addition, the Company develops technology for improved lithium-ion battery manufacturing and assembly methods.

NOTE 2 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

These accompanying financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“GAAP”).

Reclassifications

Certain amounts disclosed in prior period financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on reported income, cash flows, total assets, or shareholders’ equity as previously reported.

Recently adopted accounting standards:

In December 2019, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2019-12, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes. The new standard reduces the complexity of accounting for income taxes by eliminating certain exceptions related to the approach for intraperiod tax allocation, the methodology for calculating income taxes in an interim period, and the recognition of deferred tax liabilities for outside basis differences related to changes in ownership of equity method investments and foreign subsidiaries. The Company adopted this guidance effective January 1, 2021 which did not have a material impact on the accompanying financial statements.

Recently issued accounting pronouncements:

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments — Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments. The FASB subsequently issued amendments to ASU 2016-13, which have the same effective date and transition date of January 1, 2023. These standards replace the existing incurred loss impairment model with an expected credit loss model and requires a financial asset measure at amortized cost to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. The Company does not expect this change in guidance to have a material impact to its financial statements.

In May 2021, the FASB issued ASU 2021-04, Earnings Per Share (Topic 260), Debt Modifications and Extinguishments (Subtopic 470 50), Compensation Stock Based Compensation (Topic 718), and Derivatives and Hedging Contracts in Entity’s Own Equity (Subtopic 815-40): Issuer’s Accounting for Certain Modifications or Exchanges of Freestanding Equity Classified Written Call Options. This ASU provides guidance which clarified an issuer’s accounting for modification or exchanges of freestanding equity classified written call options that remain equity classified after modification or exchange. The provisions of ASU 2021-04 are effective January 1, 2022. This ASU shall be applied on a prospective basis. The Company determined that the change in guidance did not have a material impact to its financial statements.

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NOTE 2 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash, Restricted Cash, and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all short-term debt securities purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. There were no cash equivalents as of December 31, 2021 or 2020. The Company also maintains a restricted cash balance to satisfy its note payable requirements (Refer to Note 5).

From time to time the Company has amounts on deposit with financial institutions that exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any significant losses in such accounts, nor does management believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk.

Accounts Receivable

The Company's trade receivables are recorded when billed and represent claims against third parties that will be settled in cash. Generally, payment is due from customers within 30 days of the invoice date and the contracts do not have significant financing components. Trade accounts receivables are recorded gross and are net of any applicable allowance. The Company has an allowance for doubtful accounts as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 of \$50 and \$0, respectively.

Inventory

Inventories (Note 3), which consist of raw materials, work in process and finished goods, are stated at the lower of cost (weighted average) or net realizable value, net of reserves for obsolete inventory. We continually analyze our slow moving and excess inventories. Based on historical and projected sales volumes and anticipated selling prices, we established reserves. Inventory that is in excess of current and projected use is reduced by an allowance to a level that approximates its estimate of future demand. Products that are determined to be obsolete are written down to net realizable value. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, no such reserves were necessary.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost, including the cost of significant improvements and renovations. Costs of routine repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred. Depreciation and amortization are calculated by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives for owned property, or, for leasehold improvements, over the shorter of the asset's useful life or term of the lease. Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$617 and \$198, respectively. The various classes of property and equipment and estimated useful lives are as follows:

Office furniture and equipment	3 to 7 years
Machinery and equipment	3 to 7 years
	Leasehold improvements
	Remaining Term of Lease

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company evaluates its long-lived assets, including property and equipment, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of these asset may not be recoverable.

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NOTE 2 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Recoverability of these assets is measured by comparison of the carrying amount of each asset to the future undiscounted cash flows the asset is expected to generate over its remaining life. When indications of impairment are present and the estimated undiscounted future cash flows from the use of these assets is less than the assets' carrying value, the related assets will be written down to fair value. There were no impairments of the Company's long-lived assets for the periods presented.

Commitments and Contingencies

Liabilities for loss contingencies arising from claims, assessments, litigation, fines, and penalties and other sources are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Legal costs incurred in connection with loss contingencies are expensed as incurred.

Leases

At the inception of a contractual arrangement, the Company determines whether the contract contains a lease by assessing whether there is an identified asset and whether the contract conveys the right to control the use of the identified asset in exchange for consideration over a period of time. If both criteria are met, the Company records the associated lease liability and corresponding right-of-use asset upon commencement of the lease using the implicit rate or a discount rate based on a credit-adjusted secured borrowing rate commensurate with the term of the lease. The Company additionally evaluates leases at their inception to determine if they are to be accounted for as an operating lease or a finance lease. A lease is accounted for as a finance lease if it meets one of the following five criteria: the lease has a purchase option that is reasonably certain of being exercised, the present value of the future cash flows is substantially all of the fair market value of the underlying asset, the lease term is for a significant portion of the remaining economic life of the underlying asset, the title to the underlying asset transfers at the end of the lease term, or if the underlying asset is of such a specialized nature that it is expected to have no alternative uses to the lessor at the end of the term. Leases that do not meet the finance lease criteria are accounted for as an operating lease. The Company does not have any finance leases as of December 31, 2021 or 2020. Operating lease assets represent a right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and operating lease liabilities represent an obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease liabilities with a term greater than one year and their corresponding right-of-use assets are recognized on the balance sheet at the commencement date of the lease based on the present value of lease payments over the expected lease term. Certain adjustments to the right-of-use asset may be required for items such as initial direct costs paid or incentives received. As the Company's leases do not typically provide an implicit rate, the Company utilizes the appropriate incremental borrowing rate, determined as the rate of interest that the Company would have to pay to borrow on a collateralized basis over a similar term and in a similar economic environment. Lease cost is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term and variable lease payments are recognized as operating expenses in the period in which the obligation for those payments is incurred. Variable lease payments primarily include common area maintenance, utilities, real estate taxes, insurance, and other operating costs that are passed on from the lessor in proportion to the space leased by the Company. The Company has elected the practical expedient to not separate between lease and non-lease components.

Revenue Recognition

Under Topic 606, an entity recognizes revenue when its customer obtains control of promised goods or services, in an amount that reflects the consideration that the entity expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. To determine revenue recognition for arrangements that an entity determines are within the scope of Topic 606, the entity performs the following five steps: (i) identify the contract(s) with a customer; (ii) identify the performance obligations in the contract; (iii) determine the transaction price; (iv) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and (v) recognize revenue when (or as) the

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NOTE 2 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

entity satisfies a performance obligation. The Company only applies the five-step model to contracts when it is probable the entity will collect the consideration it is entitled to in exchange for the goods or services it transfers to the customer. At contract inception, once the contract is determined to be within the scope of Topic 606, the Company assesses the goods or services promised within each contract and determines those that are performance obligations and assesses whether each promised good or service is distinct. The Company then recognizes as revenue the amount of the transaction price that is allocated to the respective performance obligation when (or as) the performance obligation is satisfied. The Company excludes from the transaction price all taxes that are assessed by a governmental authority and imposed on and concurrent with the Company's revenue transactions, and therefore presents these taxes (such as sales tax) on a net basis in operating revenues on the Statements of Income.

Revenue is recognized when control of the promised goods is transferred to the customer or distributor, in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods and services. Revenue associated with products holding rights of return are recognized when the Company concludes there is not a risk of significant revenue reversal in the future periods for the expected consideration in the transaction. There are no material instances including discounts and refunds where variable consideration is constrained and not recorded at the initial time of sale. Generally, our revenue is recognized at a point in time for standard promised goods at the time of shipment when title and risk of loss pass to the customer.

The Company may receive payments at the onset of the contract before delivery of goods for customers in the retail channel. In such instances, the Company records a customer deposit liability. Payment terms for distributors and OEMs are due within 30-60 days after shipment. The Company recognizes these contract liabilities as sales after the revenue criteria are met. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, the contract liability related to the Company's customer deposits approximated \$434 and \$1,779, respectively. The entire contract liability balance as of December 31, 2020 was recognized as revenue during the year ended December 31, 2021.

Disaggregation of Revenue:

The following table present our disaggregated revenues by distribution channel:

Sales	2021	2020
Retail	\$59,042	\$33,314
Distributor	10,733	10,381
Original equipment manufacture	8,225	3,492
Total	<u>\$78,000</u>	<u>\$47,187</u>

Shipping and Handling

Shipping and handling fees paid by customers are recorded within net sales, with the related expenses recorded in cost of sales. Shipping and handling costs associated with outbound freight are included in sales and marketing expenses. Shipping and handling costs associated with outbound freight totaled \$5,105 and \$2,568 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Product Warranty

The Company offers assurance type warranties from 5 to 10 years on its products. The Company estimates the costs associated with the warranty obligation using historical data of warranty claims and costs incurred

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NOTE 2 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

to satisfy those claims. The Company estimates, based upon a review of historical warranty claim experience, the costs that may be incurred under our warranties and record a liability in the amount of such estimate at the time a product is sold. Factors that affect our warranty liability include the number of units sold, historical and anticipated rates of warranty claims, and cost per claim. We periodically assess the adequacy of our recorded warranty liability and adjust the accrual as claims data and historical experience warrants. The Company has assessed the costs of fulfilling its existing assurance type warranties and has determined that the estimated outstanding warranty obligation on December 31, 2021 and 2020 are immaterial to the Company's financial statements.

Returns and Sales Allowances

The provision for returns and sales allowances is determined by an analysis of the historical rate of returns and sales allowances over recent quarters and adjusted to reflect management's future expectations. The Company has accrued for sales allowances as of December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$170. There was no accrual for sales allowances as of December 31, 2020.

Concentrations

There are no significant revenue concentrations for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Receivables from two customers comprised approximately 42% and 16%, respectively, of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2021. Receivables from one customer comprised approximately 22% of accounts receivable as of December 31, 2020. There are no other significant accounts receivable concentrations.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, three vendors accounted for approximately 27%, 10% and 10% of the Company's total purchases, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2020, four vendors accounted for approximately 19%, 14%, 11% and 10% of the Company's total purchases, respectively.

Research and Development

The Company expenses research and development costs as incurred. Research and development expenses include salaries, contractor and consultant fees, supplies and materials, as well as costs related to other overhead such as depreciation, facilities, utilities, and other departmental expenses. The costs we incur with respect to internally developed technology and engineering services are included in research and development expenses as incurred as they do not directly relate to acquisition or construction of materials, property or intangible assets that have alternative future uses.

Advertising

The Company expenses advertising costs as they are incurred and are included in selling and marketing expenses. Advertising expenses amounted to \$1,690 and \$1,069 for the years ending 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation arrangements with employees and non-employee consultants using a fair value method which requires the recognition of compensation expense for costs related to all stock-based payments, including stock options (Note 8). The fair value method requires the Company to estimate the fair value of stock-based payment awards to employees and non-employees on the date of grant using an option pricing model.

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NOTE 2 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Stock-based compensation costs are based on the fair value of the underlying option calculated using the Black Scholes option pricing model and recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period, which is the vesting period. The Company measures equity-based compensation awards granted to non-employees at fair value as the awards vest and recognizes the resulting value as compensation expense at each financial reporting period.

Determining the appropriate fair value model and related assumptions requires judgment, including estimating stock price volatility, expected dividend yield, expected term, risk free rate of return, and the estimated fair value of the underlying common stock. Due to the lack of company specific historical and implied volatility data, the Company has based its estimate of expected volatility on the historical volatility of a group of similar companies that are publicly traded. The historical volatility is calculated based on a period of time commensurate with the expected term assumption. The group of representative companies have characteristics similar to the Company and focus on the lithium-ion battery industry. The Company uses the simplified method, which is the average of the final vesting tranche date and the contractual term, to calculate the expected term for options granted to employees as it does not have sufficient historical exercise data to provide a reasonable basis upon which to estimate the expected term. The risk-free interest rate is based on a treasury instrument whose term is consistent with the expected term of the stock options. The Company uses an assumed dividend yield of zero as the Company has never paid dividends and has no current plans to pay any dividends on its common stock. The Company accounts for forfeitures as they occur.

Income Taxes

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities (Note 7) are determined based on the estimated future tax effects of net operating loss, credit carryforwards and temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their respective financial reporting amounts measured at the current enacted tax rates.

The Company recognizes a tax benefit for an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The Company has a liability of \$0 and \$19 as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, of uncertain tax positions.

The Company's accounting policy is to include penalties and interest related to income taxes if any, in selling, general and administrative expenses.

Earnings per Common Share

We calculate basic earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method as a result of the issuance of Series A Preferred stock in 2016. Our Series A Preferred Stock is considered a participating security because, in the event that we pay a dividend or make a distribution on the outstanding common stock, we shall also pay each holder of the Series Preferred Stock a dividend on an as-converted basis. The two-class method is an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings per share for common stock and participating securities according to dividend and participation rights in undistributed earnings. Under this method, all earnings, distributed and undistributed, are allocated to common shares and participating securities based on their respective rights to receive dividends. Diluted earnings per common share is calculated using the treasury stock method for options.

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NOTE 2 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The following table sets forth the information needed to compute basic and diluted earnings per share for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Basic Earnings per common share		
Net Income	\$ 4,338	\$ 6,878
Income available for distribution	4,338	6,878
Income allocated to participating securities, Net	(1,405)	(2,290)
Income available to common shareholders	\$ 2,933	\$ 4,588
	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Basic earnings per common share:		
Net Income available to common shareholders	\$ 2,933	\$ 4,588
Weighted average number of common shares-basic	20,101,129	20,040,470
Earnings per share, basic	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.23
Diluted earnings per common share:		
Net Income available to common shareholders	\$ 2,933	\$ 4,588
Weighted average number of common shares-basic	20,101,129	20,040,470
Dilutive effect related to stock options	1,829,979	1,348,315
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding	21,931,108	21,388,785
Earnings per share, diluted	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.21

For all periods presented, there were no outstanding shares that were potentially anti-dilutive.

Segment Reporting

Operating segments are identified as components of an enterprise for which separate discrete financial information is available for evaluation by the Company's Chief Executive Officer to make decisions with respect to resource allocation and assessment of performance. To date, the Company has viewed its operations and manages its business as one operating segment.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of the Company's assets and liabilities, which qualify as financial instruments under ASC Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurement" approximates the carrying amounts represented in the accompanying balance sheets, primarily due to their short-term nature.

COVID-19

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act was signed into law. The CARES Act provides a substantial stimulus and assistance package intended to address the impact of COVID-19, including tax relief and government loans, grants, and investments. The CARES Act did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

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NOTE 2 — SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The Company is closely monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on its business, including how it will affect its customers, workforce, suppliers, vendors, and production and distribution channels, as well as its financial statements. The extent to which COVID-19 impacts the Company's business and financial results will depend on numerous evolving factors, including, but not limited to the magnitude and duration of COVID-19, the extent to which it will impact macroeconomic conditions, including interest rates, employment rates and consumer confidence, the speed of the anticipated recovery, and governmental, business, and individual consumer reactions to the pandemic. We have experienced longer lead times in the supply of our components because of global supply chain disruptions caused in-part by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which have led to the build-up in inventory as well as the significant increase in prepaid inventory as suppliers are requiring upfront deposits. While there was not a material impact to the Company's financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, COVID-19 could result in material impacts to the Company's financial statements in future reporting periods.

NOTE 3 — INVENTORY

Inventory consists of the following as of:

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Raw material	\$22,885	\$4,419
Work in process	—	172
Finished goods	4,242	1,357
Total inventory	<u>\$27,127</u>	<u>\$5,948</u>

NOTE 4 — OPERATING LEASES

The Company has leased premises that expire at various dates through September of 2025 with options to renew for an additional 5 years subject to various operating leases. As of December 31, 2020, the Company had a main office, warehouse space, research and development lab, engineering office, and sales office all located in Reno, Nevada that required annual escalating monthly payments ranging from \$4 to \$11. In December of 2020, the Company entered a fourth amendment lease and effective April 30, 2021, the Company moved its main office, warehouse, and sales office to a larger premise that is also located in Reno, Nevada that required annual escalating monthly payments ranging from \$56 to \$63. In December of 2021, the Company entered into another lease for additional warehouse space located in Reno, Nevada that required annual escalating monthly payments ranging from \$47 to \$55.

The following table presents the breakout of the operating leases as of:

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Operating lease right-of-use assets	\$5,709	\$993
Short-term operating lease liabilities	1,082	225
Long-term operating lease liabilities	4,694	758
Total operating lease liabilities	<u>\$5,776</u>	<u>\$983</u>
Weighted average remaining lease term	4.6 years	3.9 years
Weighted average discount rate	5.2%	6.0%

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NOTE 4—OPERATING LEASES (continued)

Assumptions used in determining our incremental borrowing rate include our implied credit rating and an estimate of secured borrowing rates based on comparable market data.

Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities was \$952 and \$148 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. These amounts are included in operating cash flows.

At December 31, 2021, the future minimum lease payments under these operating leases are as follows:

2022	\$1,357
2023	1,399
2024	1,435
2025	1,440
2026	893
Total lease payments	<u>6,524</u>
Less imputed interest	<u>748</u>
Total operating lease liabilities	<u>5,776</u>

Lease cost	Classification	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Operating lease cost	Cost of goods sold	\$633	\$179
Operating lease cost	Research and development	103	—
Operating lease cost	General and administration	42	144
Operating lease cost	Selling and marketing	42	—
Total lease cost		<u>\$820</u>	<u>\$323</u>

All lease costs included in the schedule above are fixed lease costs.

NOTE 5—LONG TERM DEBT

Financing — Trust Indenture

On November 24, 2021, the Company entered into agreements to issue \$45,000 in fixed rate senior notes (Series 2021-6 Notes) pursuant to a Trust Indenture held by UMB Bank, as trustee and disbursing agent, and Newlight Capital, LLC as servicer. The trust and debt documents also require a Lender Collateral Residual Value Insurance Policy (the “Insurance Policy”, with UMB Bank as named insured for \$45,000), and a placement agent, which is Tribe Capital Markets, LLC.

On the closing date of the financing, the Company received a wire for \$35,474, which is comprised of the gross proceeds of \$45,000 less \$3,188 in deposits to certain reserve accounts (see “*Reserve Accounts*” below), and \$6,338 in expenses withdrawn from the gross proceeds, which included a prepaid loan monitoring fee of \$60, \$4,725 in prepaid policy premiums and related costs underlying the Insurance Policy (see “*Collateral*” below) included in debt issuance costs, and \$1,553 in other debt issuance costs.

The obligation for the Series 2021-6 Notes underlying the Trust Indenture is \$45,000 in principle on the date of the closing of the financing. The debt bears interest at 5.50% per annum accruing monthly on a 360-day basis. Late payments will be subject to a \$50 late fee and default interest based on a rate 5 percentage points above the applicable interest immediately prior to such default. The Company will make interest-only

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payments on the unpaid principal amount in arrears, commencing December 1, 2021 and ending on November 1, 2022 (for interest accruing from the Closing Date through October 31, 2022). Beginning on December 1, 2022, the Company will repay the debt in twenty-four equal installments of principal in the amount of \$1,875, plus accrued interest on the unpaid principal amount. Any remaining obligations will be due and payable on November 1, 2024.

The obligations under the Trust Indenture will be deemed to be repaid or prepaid to the same extent, in the same amounts and at the same times, as the Series 2021-6 Notes are redeemed with funds provided except for payments made from the proceeds of the Insurance Policy (see “Collateral” below) as such funds must be reimbursed by the Company to the insurer.

During the year ended December 31, 2021, a total of \$390 of interest expense was incurred under the debt. Amortization of the debt issuance costs under the interest method amounted to \$77 during the year ended December 31, 2021.

Reserve Accounts

Deposits into the reserve accounts consisted of the following items:

Payment Reserve Fund	\$3,044
Capitalized Interest Fund	144
Total	<u>\$3,188</u>

The Payment Reserve Fund is a debt service fund to be maintained by UMB Bank, and the initial deposit is equal to the maximum amount of monthly interest and principal debt service payment due on the Series 2021-6 notes, plus interest earned on special redemptions (see *Special Redemptions* below). These funds may be utilized by UMB Bank to fund certain shortfalls and a special redemption, but otherwise such funds are released pro rata to the Company based on principal payments made by the Company on the Series 2021-6 Notes. Since this is a deposit account maintained by the trustee and restricted for release upon the occurrence of future events, this deposit will be treated as restricted cash.

The Capitalized Interest Fund was created to hold the interest that will accrue from the closing date until the first payment due on December 15, 2021. The initial deposit, therefore, was treated as prepaid interest. These funds were utilized to pay the interest incurred through that first payment date.

Both above funds, to the extent that they are deposited into interest-bearing accounts, will earn interest that UMB Bank will transfer into an Interest Earnings Fund, which funds will be held in escrow until the earlier of maturity or when the debt obligations are paid in full (assuming no events of default). There were no funds deposited into interest-bearing accounts for the period ended December 31, 2021.

Special Redemptions

If the Company fails to make a scheduled payments of principal and interest as required under the loan agreements on the due dates, and fails to cure such non-payment within 10 days, UMB Bank may, upon the direction of the registered noteholders of at least 75% of the principal amount outstanding under the Series 2021-6 Notes, declare that an event of “Special Redemption” has occurred, and such failure shall trigger the provisions of the Insurance Policy. These provisions include filing of a claim notice with the insurer, withdrawal of the unpaid amount from the Payment Reserve Fund and pay such amount to the holders of those Series 2021-6 Notes, and acceleration of the Series 2021-6 Notes that remain outstanding after the payment.

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Collateral

As collateral for payment of the debt and certain obligations related to performance under the Trust Indenture and related transaction documents, the Company and the guarantors granted to Newlight Capital, LLC, as representative and for the benefit of UMB Bank a continuing security interest in all substantially all of the assets of the Company.

Under the terms of the Trust Indenture, the Insurance Policy is required as additional collateral guaranteeing the payments under the debt by the Company. The Company determined this was not a direct incremental cost of the financing. The premium costs were recognized as a debt issuance cost. The term of the policy aligns with the term of the debt (three years, unless reduced due to default provisions). The secured party (UMB Bank, as trustee) would not have the right to sell or repledge either the intellectual property or the insurance collateral unless and until the Company defaults and a claim is made.

Loan Monitoring Fees

The Company will incur ongoing monitoring service by NewLight Capital LLC for 24 months at \$180 total expense. These services entail monitoring of financial records and information related to collateral enforcement on an ongoing basis. The \$60 prepayment funded at closing was recognized as a prepaid expense and will be amortized straight-line over the first 8 months of the agreement.

Financial Covenants

The Company must comply with certain financial covenants, including minimum adjusted EBITDA, capital expenditures and minimum fixed charge coverage ratio. These covenants are not effective as of December 31, 2021 but will begin to take effect with the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2022.

Long Term Debt Maturities

At December 31, 2021, the future debt maturities are as follows:

2022	\$ 1,875
2023	22,500
2024	<u>20,625</u>
Total	45,000
Less: Unamortized debt issuance costs	<u>(6,072)</u>
Total debt	<u>38,928</u>
Less: current portion of debt	<u>(1,875)</u>
Total long-term debt	<u><u>\$37,053</u></u>

NOTE 6—REVOLVING NOTE AGREEMENT

On October 6, 2021, the Company entered into a revolving note agreement with a lender to borrow up to \$8,000. The borrowing amount is limited and based on the lesser of maximum principal amount (\$8.0 million) and the sum equal to 80% of eligible accounts receivable and 50% of eligible inventory. Interest on each advance shall accrue at the prime rate announced by Bank from time to time, as and when such rate changes. The revolving credit amount is collateralized by all assets of the Corporation. The Company drew an initial amount of \$5,000 under the facility, which it subsequently re-paid and the revolving note was terminated as a closing condition of the Series 2021-6 notes.

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NOTE 7 — INCOME TAXES

The income tax expense consists of the following items:

	2021	2020
Current	\$1,489	\$1,676
Deferred	122	210
Total tax expense	<u>\$1,611</u>	<u>\$1,886</u>

Components of deferred tax assets (liabilities) are as follows:

	2021	2020
Leases	\$ 14	\$ (15)
Stock based compensation	35	19
Allowance for bad debt	59	—
Fixed assets and intangibles	(606)	(345)
Inventory (Sec. 263A)	45	10
Net deferred tax liability	<u>\$(453)</u>	<u>\$(331)</u>

Reconciliation between the effective tax rate on income from continuing operations and the statutory rate for the year ending December 31, 2021, is as follows:

	Tax	Percentage
Federal income tax provision at statutory rates	\$1,249	21.00%
Permanent differences (other than tax)	188	3.16%
State taxes, net	128	2.15%
Deferred true-up	56	0.94%
Research and development credits	—	—%
Uncertain tax positions	(19)	(0.32)%
Other	9	0.15%
Total	<u>\$1,611</u>	
Effective tax rate		<u>27.08%</u>

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NOTE 7 — INCOME TAXES (continued)

Reconciliation between the effective tax rate on income from continuing operations and the statutory rate for the year ending December 31, 2020 is as follows:

	Tax	Percentage
Federal income tax provision at statutory rates	\$1,840	21.00%
Permanent differences (other than tax)	87	0.99%
State taxes, net	9	0.10%
Deferred true-up	(2)	(0.02)%
Research and development credits	(75)	(0.86)%
Uncertain tax positions	19	0.22%
Other	8	0.11%
Total	<u>\$1,886</u>	
Effective tax rate		<u>21.52%</u>

The tax returns of the Company are open for three years from the date of filing. At the report date, federal tax returns are open for the Company for 2018, 2019 and 2020.

NOTE 8 — STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

On August 12, 2019, the Board of Directors approved the 2019 Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) with a term of ten years. The Plan is administered by the Board of Directors, which is authorized to grant, at its discretion, awards to employees, directors, and consultants. The maximum number of common shares reserved for grants of awards under the Plan is 3,000,000 shares. The Plan provides for the grant of stock options (both incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options), and the grants and sale of restricted stock units (RSUs). Shares issued under this Plan may be drawn from authorized and unissued shares, or shares reacquired by the Company.

In July of 2021, the Board of Directors approved the 2021 Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) with a term of ten years. The Plan is administered by the Board of Directors, which is authorized to grant, at its discretion, awards to employees, directors, and consultants. The maximum number of common shares reserved for grants of awards under the Plan is 1,000,000 shares. The Plan provides for the grant of stock options (both incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options), and the grants and sale of restricted stock units (RSUs). Shares issued under this Plan may be drawn from authorized and unissued shares, or shares reacquired by the Company.

If an incentive award granted under the Plan expires, terminates, is unexercised or is forfeited, or if any shares are surrendered to us in connection with an incentive award, the shares subject to such award and the surrendered shares will become available for future awards under the Plan. The number of shares subject to the Plan, and the number of shares and terms of any Incentive Award may be adjusted in the event of any change in our outstanding common stock by reason of any stock dividend, spin-off, stock split, reverse stock split, recapitalization, reclassification, merger, consolidation, liquidation, business combination or exchange of shares, or similar transaction.

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NOTE 8 — STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION (continued)

A summary of the Company's option activity and related information follows:

	Number of Options	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)	Aggregate intrinsic value
Balances, January 1, 2020	2,157,950	\$0.39	0.39	8.54	650,965
Options granted	620,950	0.69	1.92		—
Options forfeited	(183,550)	0.52	0.93		—
Options exercised	(32,270)	0.46	0.64		—
Balances, December 31, 2020	2,563,080	\$0.45	0.72	7.92	650,965
Options granted	1,750,551	3.41	2.03		3,550,651
Options forfeited	(356,228)	1.44	1.82		—
Options exercised	(835,005)	0.51	0.53		441,835
Balances, December 31, 2021	<u>3,122,398</u>	<u>\$1.98</u>	<u>1.38</u>	8.52	<u>6,549,591</u>
At December 31, 2021					
Vested and Exercisable	550,601	\$0.88		7.42	1,761,634
Vested and expected to vest	3,122,398	\$1.98		7.92	6,549,591

Share-based compensation expense for options totaling \$734 and \$324 was recognized in our statements of income for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Of the \$734 of share-based compensation incurred during the year ended December 31, 2021, \$252 is allocated to cost of goods sold, \$95 to research and development, \$156 to selling and marketing, and \$231 to general and administrative expenses. Of the \$324 of share-based compensation incurred during the year ended December 31, 2020, \$48 is allocated to cost of goods sold, \$23 to research and development, \$61 to selling and marketing, and \$192 to general and administrative expenses. The Company did not receive payment for 615,124 of the 835,005 options exercised during the period ended December 31, 2021 and accordingly a receivable of \$250 was recognized and included in other current assets on the balance sheet. This payment was received on January 4, 2022.

As of December 31, 2021, there were 10,327 shares of unissued authorized and available for future awards under the plans.

As of December 31, 2021, the Company had stock-based compensation expense of \$3,646, related to unvested stock options not yet recognized that are expected to be recognized over an estimated weighted average period of 2.9 years.

The valuation methodology used to determine the fair value of the options issued during the year was the Black Scholes option pricing model. The Black Scholes model requires the use of a number of assumptions including volatility of the stock price, the fair value of the underlying stock, the average risk-free interest rate, and the weighted average expected life of the options. The fair value of the underlying stock is determined by the Board of Directors. Given the absence of a public trading market, the Board of Directors utilizes a 409A valuation which considers numerous objective and subjective factors to determine the fair value of our common stock. These factors included but are not limited to: (i) the rights, preferences and privileges of convertible preferred stock relative to common stock; (ii) the lack of marketability of common stock; (iii) stage and development of the Company's business; (iv) general economic conditions; and (v) the likelihood of achieving a liquidity event, such as an initial public offering ("IPO") or sale of the Company, given prevailing

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market conditions. To evaluate the fair value of the underlying shares for grants between two independent valuations and after the last independent valuation, a linear interpolation framework is used to evaluate the fair value of the underlying shares. The expected term was estimated using the simplified method.

	2021	2020
Weighted average fair value of options granted	\$1.73 – 2.18	\$1.30 – 2.39
Risk-free interest rate	1.08%	0.46%
Volatility	52.6%	52.5%
Expected life (years)	6.02	5.95
Dividend yield	0.00%	0.00%

NOTE 9—REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK RIGHTS

Dividends

The Company shall not declare, pay, or set aside any dividends on shares of any other class or series of capital stock of the Company (other than dividends on shares of Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock) unless the holders of Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding shall first receive, or simultaneously receive, a dividend on each outstanding share of Series A preferred stock in an amount as set forth in the amended and restated certificate of incorporation. No dividends have been declared to date.

Voting Rights

The holders of Preferred Stock are entitled to vote, together with the holders of common stock, on all matters submitted to stockholders for a vote. Each preferred stockholder is entitled to the number of votes equal to the number of shares of common stock into which each preferred share is convertible at the time of such vote.

The holders of record of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock, exclusively and as a separate class, shall be entitled to elect one director of the Corporation (the “Series A Director”). The Series A Director shall be given two votes on any action requiring the vote or approval of the Board of Directors.

The holders of record of the shares of Common Stock, exclusively and as a separate class, shall be entitled to elect two directors of the Corporation, the “Common Stock Director A” and the “Common Stock Director B”). The Common Stock Director A shall be given three votes on any action requiring the vote or approval of the Board of Directors and the Common Stock Director B shall be given one vote on any action requiring the vote or approval of the Board of Directors. Any director elected as provided above may be removed without caused by, and only by, the affirmative vote of the holders of the shares of the class or series of capital stock entitled to elect such director or directors, given either at a special meeting of such stockholders duly called for that purpose or pursuant to a written consent of stockholders.

Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up; Certain Mergers, Consolidations and Assets Sales

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation or deemed liquidation event, as defined, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding (the “Series A shareholders”) shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Corporation available for distribution to its stockholders prior to payment to common shareholders, an amount per share equal to the greater of (i) the Series A Original Issue Price, plus any dividends declared but unpaid thereon, or (ii) such amount per share as would have been payable had all shares of Series A preferred Stock been converted into

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Common Stock immediately prior to such liquidation event. If upon the occurrence of such liquidation event, if the assets of the Corporation available for distribution to its stockholders are insufficient to pay the Series A shareholders the full amount to which they shall be entitled, the Series A shareholders will be entitled to a pro rata distribution of assets in proportion to the respective amounts which would otherwise be payable in respect of the shares held by them upon such distribution if all amounts payable on or with respect to such shares were paid in full. Upon the occurrence of such liquidation event, and after the payment of all preferential amounts required to be paid to the Series A holders, the remaining assets of the Corporation available for distribution to its stockholders shall be distributed among the holders of shares of Common Stock, pro rata based on the number of shares held by each such holder.

Redemption

The preferred shares are subject to mandatory redemption based on the occurrence of certain “deemed liquidation events” as defined which include a merger or consolidation or the sale, exchange, lease, transfer, exclusive license, or other disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company’s assets. If the Company does not affect a dissolution of the Corporation under Nevada Law within ninety days after a deemed liquidation event, then the Company is required to send written notice to each holder of Series A Preferred Stock no later than the ninetieth day after the deemed liquidation event advising such holders of their right to require the redemption of such shares of Preferred Stock. Dissolution of the Corporation under Nevada Law with ninety days after a deemed liquidation event is not within the control of the Company. As such the Preferred Stock is precluded from permanent equity classification and has been presented as mezzanine equity.

Conversion rights

Each share of Series A Preferred Stock shall be convertible, at the option of the holder thereof, at any time and from time to time, and without the payment of additional consideration by the holder thereof, into such number of fully paid and non-assessable shares of common stock as is determined by dividing the Series A Original Issue Price by the Series A Conversion Price of \$0.20. Such initial conversion price may be converted into common stock, subject to certain adjustments.

Mandatory conversion

Upon either (a) the closing of the sale of shares of Common Stock at a price of at least \$1 per share, in a firm- commitment underwritten public offering pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, resulting in at least \$25,000 of gross proceeds to the Corporation or (b) the date and time, or the occurrence of an event, specified by vote or written consent of the holders of more than 50% of the then outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock, then (i) all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall automatically be converted into shares of Common Stock, at the then effective conversion rate and (ii) such shares may not be reissued by the Corporation.

NOTE 10—COMMON STOCK

The Company is authorized to issue up to 40,000,000 shares of common stock with \$0.0002 par value. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, there were 20,875,475 and 20,040,470 shares issued and outstanding.

Common stockholders are entitled to dividends if and when declared by the Board of Directors subject to the rights of the preferred stockholders. As of December 31, 2021 and 2020, no dividends on common

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stock had been declared by the Company. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Company had reserved shares of common stock for issuance as follows:

	2021	2020
Convertible preferred stock outstanding	10,000,000	10,000,000
Options issued and outstanding	3,122,398	2,563,080
Common stock outstanding	20,875,475	20,040,470
Shares available for future issuance	10,327	404,650
Total	<u>34,008,200</u>	<u>33,008,200</u>

In November of 2020, the board of directors approved and granted 8,200 common shares to consultants for historical services provided. The shares were fair valued at \$3.41 per share for total compensation of \$27. The amount was expensed immediately and is included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

NOTE 11 — SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated subsequent events from December 31, 2021 through April 20, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available for issuance and has determined that there are no subsequent events requiring adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements, other than as follows:

On January 1, 2022, the Company (the “Buyer”) entered into an asset purchase agreement (the “APA”) with Bourns Production, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the “Seller”) pursuant to which the Buyer acquired machinery and equipment of the Seller as set forth in the APA for a purchase price of \$197.

On February 2, 2022, the Company entered into a 124-month lease agreement in Reno, Nevada. The lease calls for monthly base rent of \$230, \$23 of fix operating expense costs, and estimated monthly property taxes of \$21. The monthly base rent and fixed operating expense costs are subject to escalation of 3% and 2.4%, respectively, on an annual basis. The first payment is due upon substantial completion of construction of the building which is expected to be within 2 years from the effective date.

**SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF
DRAGONFLY ENERGY HOLDINGS CORP.**

Pursuant to the provisions of § 242 and § 245 of the
General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware

Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. (the “Corporation”), a corporation organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the “DGCL”), does hereby certify as follows:

FIRST: The present name of the Corporation is Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. The original certificate of incorporation of the Corporation was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on June 23, 2020 under the name Chardan Global Acquisition 3 Corp. (the “Original Certificate”). The first certificate of amendment of the Original Certificate was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on February 22, 2021. The amended and restated certificate of incorporation was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on August 10, 2021.

SECOND: The certificate of incorporation of the Corporation as heretofore in effect is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as set forth in this Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation hereinafter provided for (this “Certificate of Incorporation”).

THIRD: This Certificate of Incorporation herein certified has been duly adopted by the Corporation in accordance with Sections 242 and 245 of the DGCL and has been adopted by the requisite vote of the stockholders of the Corporation in accordance with the DGCL.

FOURTH: This Certificate of Incorporation shall become effective upon the filing of this Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

FIFTH: This Certificate Incorporation of the Corporation shall, at the effective time, read as follows:

ARTICLE I.

Name

The name of the Corporation is Dragonfly Energy Holdings Corp.

ARTICLE II.

Registered Office

The address of the Corporation’s registered office in the State of Delaware is 251 Little Falls Drive, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, State of Delaware, 19808, and the name of the Corporation’s registered agent at such address is Corporation Service Company.

ARTICLE III.

Purpose and Powers

The purpose of the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the DGCL as the same exists or may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE IV.

Capital Stock

(A) Authorized Capital Stock.

The total number of shares of all classes of capital stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is one hundred seventy-five million (175,000,000) shares of capital stock, consisting of (i) one hundred seventy million (170,000,000) shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the “Common Stock”), and (ii) five million (5,000,000) shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the “Preferred Stock”).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the rights and preferences of the Common Stock shall at all times be subject to the rights and preferences of the Preferred Stock as may be set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation or one or more certificates of designations filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware from time to time in accordance with the DGCL and this Certificate of Incorporation. The number of authorized shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock may be increased or decreased (but not below the number of shares thereof then outstanding) from time to time by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of the Corporation’s then outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class, irrespective of the provisions of Section 242(b)(2) of the DGCL (or any successor provision thereto), and no vote of the holders of the Common Stock or the Preferred Stock voting separately as a class or series shall be required therefor unless a vote of any such holder is required pursuant to this Certificate of Incorporation (including any certificate of designation relating to any series of Preferred Stock).

(B) Common Stock.

The voting powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights and such qualifications, limitations or restrictions of the Common Stock, in addition to those set forth elsewhere herein, are as follows:

- (1) *Voting Rights.* Each holder of shares of Common Stock shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of the stockholders and to cast one vote for each outstanding share of Common Stock held by such holder on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote generally. Notwithstanding the foregoing, except as otherwise required by law, holders of Common Stock shall not be entitled to vote on any amendment to this Certificate of Incorporation (including any certificate of designation relating to any series of Preferred Stock) that relates solely to the terms of one or more outstanding series of Preferred Stock if the holders of such affected series are entitled, either separately or together with the holders of one or more other such series, to vote thereon pursuant to this Certificate of Incorporation (including any certificate of designation relating to any series of Preferred Stock) or pursuant to the DGCL.
- (2) *Dividends and Distributions.* Subject to the prior rights of the holders of all series of Preferred Stock at the time outstanding having prior rights or preferences as to dividends or other distributions, the holders of shares of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive, when and as declared by the Board of Directors, out of the assets or funds of the Corporation legally available therefor, such dividends and other distributions as may be declared from time to time by the Board of Directors and shall share equally on a per share basis in all such dividends and other distributions.
- (3) *Liquidation.* Subject to the prior rights of creditors of the Corporation, including without limitation the payment of expenses relating to any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, and the holders of all series of Preferred Stock at the time outstanding having prior rights as to distributions upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, in the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, either voluntary or involuntary, the holders of shares of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive their ratable and proportionate share of the remaining assets of the Corporation. A merger or consolidation of the Corporation with any other corporation or other entity, or a sale or conveyance of all or any part of the assets of the Corporation (which shall not in fact result in the liquidation of the Corporation and the distribution of assets to its stockholders) shall not be deemed to be a voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.

(C) Preferred Stock.

The Board of Directors is hereby expressly authorized, without any action or vote by the Corporation’s stockholders (except as may otherwise be provided by the terms of any series of Preferred Stock then outstanding), to provide for the issuance of all or any shares of the Preferred Stock in one or more series of

Preferred Stock, and to fix for each such series the voting powers, if any, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other rights and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, if any, as shall be stated and expressed in the resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors providing for the issuance of such series and the number of shares constituting each such series, and to increase or decrease the number of shares of any such series to the extent permitted by the DGCL.

ARTICLE V.

Board of Directors

(A) Powers of the Board of Directors.

Except as otherwise provided by the DGCL, the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors.

(B) Number of Directors.

Subject to any rights of the holders of Preferred Stock to elect directors, the Board of Directors shall consist of one or more members, the exact number of which shall be fixed by, or in the manner provided in, the Corporation's Amended and Restated Bylaws (as may be further amended, restated, modified or supplemented from time to time, the "Bylaws").

(C) Classification of the Board of Directors.

The directors of the Corporation (other than those directors elected by the holders of any series or class of Preferred Stock provided for or fixed pursuant to the provisions of Article IV hereof (the "Preferred Stock Directors")) shall be and are divided into three (3) classes, designated Class A, Class B and Class C. Each class shall consist, as nearly as may be possible, of one-third (1/3) of the total number of directors constituting the entire Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may assign members of the Board of Directors already in office upon the effectiveness of the filing of the Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware (the "Effective Time") to such classes. Subject to the rights of holders of any series or class of Preferred Stock to elect directors, each director shall serve for a term ending on the date of the third annual meeting of stockholders following the annual meeting of stockholders at which such director was elected; provided that each director initially assigned to Class A shall serve for a term expiring at the Corporation's first annual meeting of stockholders held after the Effective Time; each director initially assigned to Class B shall serve for a term expiring at the Corporation's second annual meeting of stockholders held after the Effective Time; and each director initially assigned to Class C shall serve for a term expiring at the Corporation's third annual meeting of stockholders held after the Effective Time; provided further, that the term of each director shall continue until the election and qualification of his or her successor and be subject to his or her earlier death, disqualification, resignation or removal. If the number of such directors is changed, any increase or decrease shall be apportioned among the classes so as to maintain the number of directors in each class as nearly equal as possible, and any such additional director of any class elected to fill a newly created directorship resulting from an increase in such class shall hold office for a term that shall coincide with the remaining term of that class, but in no case shall a decrease in the number of directors remove or shorten the term of any incumbent directors. A director may resign at any time upon notice to the Corporation as provided in the Bylaws.

(D) Removal of Directors.

Except for any Preferred Stock Director, any director or the entire Board of Directors may be removed from office at any time, but only for cause and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %) of the total voting power of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

(E) Vacancies.

Except as otherwise required by law and subject to the rights of any series of Preferred Stock then outstanding, any vacancy on the Board of Directors, by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal or otherwise, and any newly created directorship that results from an increase in

the number of directors, shall be filled only by a majority of the Board of Directors then in office, even if less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director. Any director of any class elected to fill a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number of directors of such class shall hold office for a term that shall coincide with the remaining term of that class. Any director elected to fill a vacancy not resulting from an increase in the number of directors shall have the same remaining term as that of his or her predecessor.

(F) Preferred Stock Directors.

During any period when the holders of any series of Preferred Stock have the right to elect Preferred Stock Directors, then upon commencement and for the duration of the period during which such right continues: (i) the then otherwise total authorized number of directors of the Corporation shall automatically be increased by such specified number of directors, and the holders of such Preferred Stock shall be entitled to elect the additional directors so provided for or fixed pursuant to said provisions, and (ii) each such additional director shall serve until such director's successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, or until such director's right to hold such office terminates pursuant to said provisions, whichever occurs earlier, subject to his or her earlier death, disqualification, resignation or removal. Except as otherwise provided by the Board of Directors in the resolution or resolutions establishing such series, whenever the holders of any series of Preferred Stock having such right to elect Preferred Stock Directors are divested of such right pursuant to the provisions of such stock, the terms of office of all such Preferred Stock Directors elected by the holders of such stock, or elected to fill any vacancies resulting from the death, resignation, disqualification or removal of such additional directors, shall forthwith terminate and the total authorized number of directors of the Corporation shall be reduced accordingly.

(G) Powers and Authority.

In addition to the powers and authority expressly conferred upon them herein or by statute, the directors are hereby empowered to exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Corporation, subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of the DGCL and this Certificate of Incorporation.

ARTICLE VI.

Stockholder Action

(A) Election of Directors.

Elections of directors need not be by written ballot except and to the extent provided in the Bylaws.

(B) Advance Notice.

Advance notice of nominations for the election of directors or proposals or other business to be considered by stockholders, which are made by any stockholder of the Corporation, shall be given in the manner and to the extent provided in the Bylaws.

(C) Stockholder Action by Written Consent.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the stockholders of the Corporation may be effected only at a duly called annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation and may not be effected by any consent in writing by such stockholders in lieu of a meeting of stockholders. Subject to the special rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock, and to the requirements of applicable law, special meetings of the stockholders of the Corporation may be called for any purpose or purposes, at any time only by a resolution adopted by any three or more directors, and shall not be called by any other person or persons. Any such special meeting so called may be postponed, rescheduled or cancelled by the Board of Directors. The ability of the stockholders to call a special meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation is hereby specifically denied.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any action required or permitted to be taken by the holders of Preferred Stock, voting separately as a series or separately as a class with one or more other such series, may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, to the extent expressly so provided by the applicable certificate of designation relating to such series of Preferred Stock.

ARTICLE VII.**Limitation of Director Liability; Indemnification**

(A) No director of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or to any of its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent such elimination from liability or limitation thereof is not permitted under the DGCL as the same exists or may hereafter be amended. If the DGCL is amended hereafter to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL, as so amended. Any repeal or modification of this Article VII, because of amendments or modifications of the DGCL or otherwise, shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification with respect to acts or omissions occurring prior to the effective date of such repeal or modification.

(B) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, the Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless each person who is or was made a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (a "proceeding") by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Corporation or, while a director or officer of the Corporation, is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust, other enterprise or nonprofit entity, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan (an "indemnitee"), whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, officer, employee or agent, or in any other capacity while serving as a director, officer, employee or agent, against all liability and loss suffered and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, taxes and penalties and amounts paid in settlement) reasonably incurred by such indemnitee in connection with such proceeding. The Corporation shall to the fullest extent not prohibited by applicable law pay the expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an indemnitee in defending or otherwise participating in any proceeding in advance of its final disposition; provided, however, that, to the extent required by applicable law, such payment of expenses in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding shall be made only upon receipt of an undertaking, by or on behalf of the indemnitee, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined that the indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified under this Section VII(B) or otherwise. The rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses conferred by this Section VII(B) shall be contract rights and such rights shall continue as to an indemnitee who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators.

ARTICLE VIII.**Amendment of Bylaws**

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred upon it by the laws of the State of Delaware, the Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt, amend, alter or repeal the Bylaws by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors (assuming no vacancies on the Board of Directors). The Bylaws may also be adopted, amended, altered or repealed by the affirmative vote of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent ($66\frac{2}{3}\%$) of the total voting power of the Corporation's issued and outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

ARTICLE IX.**Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this Certificate of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed in this Certificate of Incorporation or the DGCL, and all rights herein conferred upon stockholders are granted subject to such reservation; provided, however, that, notwithstanding any other provision of this Certificate of Incorporation (and in addition to any other vote that may be required by law), the affirmative vote of the holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent ($66\frac{2}{3}\%$) of the voting power of the Corporation's issued and outstanding shares of capital

stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class, shall be required to amend, alter, change or repeal or to adopt any provision of this Certificate of Incorporation inconsistent with any provision of Article V, Article VI, Article VII, Article VIII, this Article IX, or Article X.

ARTICLE X.

Corporation Opportunity

In the event that a member of the Board of Directors who is not an employee of the Corporation or its subsidiaries, or any employee or agent of such member, other than someone who is an employee of the Corporation or its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Covered Persons”), acquires knowledge of any business opportunity matter, potential transaction, interest or other matter, unless such matter, transaction or interest is presented to, or acquired, created or developed by, or otherwise comes into the possession of, a Covered Person expressly and solely in connection with such individual’s service as a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation (a “Corporate Opportunity”), then the Corporation to the maximum extent permitted from time to time under the DGCL (including Section 122(17) thereof): (a) renounces any expectancy that such Covered Person offer an opportunity to participate in such Corporate Opportunity to the Corporation; and (b) waives any claim that such opportunity constituted a Corporate Opportunity that should have been presented by such Covered Person to the Corporation or any of its affiliates. No amendment or repeal of this paragraph shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any officer, director or stockholder of the Corporation for or with respect to any opportunities of which such officer, director or stockholder becomes aware prior to such amendment or repeal.

ARTICLE XI.

Forum Selection

Unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, (A) (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any current or former director, officer, other employee or stockholder of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation’s stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL, this Certificate of Incorporation or the Bylaws (as either may be amended or restated) or as to which the DGCL confers jurisdiction on the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or (iv) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine of the law of the State of Delaware shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be exclusively brought in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or, if such court does not have subject matter jurisdiction thereof, the federal district court of the State of Delaware; and (B) the federal district courts of the United States of America shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring or holding any interest in shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to this Article XI.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Certificate of Incorporation to be executed on its behalf this day of 2022.

DRAGONFLY ENERGY HOLDINGS CORP.

By: _____

Name:

Title: Chief Executive Officer

A Delaware Corporation

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**AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS
OF
DRAGONFLY ENERGY HOLDINGS CORP.**

ARTICLE I

OFFICES

1.1 Principal Executive Office. The principal executive office of Dragonfly Energy Holdings Corp. (the “Corporation”) shall be at such place established by the board of directors of the Corporation (the “Board”) in its discretion. The Board shall have full power and authority to change the location of the principal executive office.

1.2 Registered Office. The registered office of the Corporation shall be as set forth in the Corporation’s Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (as may be amended, restated, modified or supplemented from time to time, the “Certificate of Incorporation”).

1.3 Other Offices. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places, both within and outside of the State of Delaware, as the Board may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE II

STOCKHOLDERS’ MEETINGS

2.1 Place of Meetings. Meetings of stockholders of the Corporation shall be held at such place, if any, either within or outside of the State of Delaware, as shall be designated from time to time by the Board and specified in the notice of the meeting. In the absence of such designation, stockholders’ meetings shall be held at the principal executive office of the Corporation.

2.2 Annual Meetings. The annual meeting of stockholders for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held at such time and date as shall be designated from time to time by the Board and stated in the Corporation’s notice of the meeting. The Board may postpone, reschedule or cancel any previously scheduled annual meeting of stockholders, before or after the notice for such meeting has been sent to the stockholders.

2.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the stockholders for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by a resolution adopted by any three or more directors, and may not be called by any other person or persons. The Board acting pursuant to a resolution may postpone, reschedule or cancel any previously scheduled special meeting of stockholders, before or after the notice for such meeting has been sent to the stockholders. Business transacted at any special meeting of stockholders shall be limited to matters relating to the purpose or purposes stated in the notice of meeting.

2.4 Notice. Whenever stockholders are required or permitted to take any action at a meeting, whether annual or special, a written notice of the meeting shall be given by the Corporation to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at such meeting as of the record date for determining the stockholders entitled to notice of such meeting. Such notice shall state the place, if any, date and hour of the meeting, the means of remote communication, if any, by which stockholders and proxy holders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such meeting, the record date for determining the stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting (if such date is different from the record date for stockholders entitled to notice of the meeting), and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting was called. Unless otherwise required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws (as may be further amended, restated, modified or supplemented from time to time, these “Bylaws”), notice of any meeting shall be given not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting to each stockholder of record entitled to notice of and to vote at such meeting.

2.5 Adjournments. Any meeting of stockholders, annual or special, whether or not a quorum is present, may be adjourned from time to time for any reason by either the chairman of the meeting, by a resolution adopted by the majority of the Board or in accordance with Section 2.6. Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 2.4 hereof, notice need not be given of any such adjourned meeting if the time, place, if

any, and date of the meeting and the means of remote communications, if any, by which stockholders and proxy holders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such meeting and the record date for determining the stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting (if such date is different from the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of the meeting) are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken; provided, however, that if the date of any adjourned meeting is more than thirty (30) days after the date for which the meeting was originally called or a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in conformity with Section 2.4. At such adjourned meeting, any business may be transacted that might have been transacted at the original meeting if such meeting had been held as originally called.

2.6 Quorum. Unless otherwise required by applicable law or the Certificate of Incorporation, the holders of a majority in voting power of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the stockholders for the transaction of business. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting of the stockholders, then either the chairman of the meeting or the stockholders entitled to vote thereon, present in person or represented by proxy, shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, in the manner provided in Section 2.5 hereof, until a quorum shall be present or represented. A quorum, once established, shall not be broken by the withdrawal of enough stockholders to leave less than a quorum.

2.7 Voting.

(a) Unless otherwise required by law or the Certificate of Incorporation, each stockholder entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each share of stock held by such stockholder which has voting power on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Corporation.

(b) Unless otherwise required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation, these Bylaws, the rules or regulations of any stock exchange applicable to the Corporation, or any regulation applicable to the Corporation or its securities, (i) every matter brought before any meeting of the stockholders, other than the election of directors, shall be decided by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the shares of stock entitled to vote on such matter that are present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and are voted for or against the matter, voting as a single class, and (ii) directors shall be elected by vote of the holders of a plurality of the votes cast. Notwithstanding the foregoing, two (2) or more classes or series of stock shall only vote together as a single class if and to the extent the holders thereof are entitled to vote together as a single class at a meeting. Where a separate vote by class is required, the vote of the holders of a majority in total voting power of each class of Corporation's outstanding capital stock represented at the meeting and entitled to vote on such matter and are voted for or against the matter shall be the act of such class, except as otherwise provided by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws. The Board, in its discretion, or the Chairman of the Board, or the presiding officer of a meeting of the stockholders, in such person's discretion, may require that any votes cast (including election of directors) at such meeting shall be cast by written ballot.

2.8 Participation at Stockholder Meetings by Remote Communications. The Board may, in its sole discretion, determine that a meeting of stockholders shall not be held at any place, but may instead be held solely by means of remote communication in accordance with Section 211(a)(2) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") or any successor provision. If authorized by the Board in its sole discretion, and subject to such guidelines and procedures as the Board may adopt, stockholders and proxyholders not physically present at a meeting of stockholders may, by means of remote communication, (a) participate in a meeting of stockholders, and (b) be deemed present in person and vote at a meeting of stockholders, whether such meeting is to be held at a designated place or solely by remote communication, provided that (x) the Corporation may implement reasonable measures to verify that each person deemed present and permitted to vote at the meeting by means of remote communication is a stockholder or proxyholder, (y) the Corporation may implement reasonable measures to provide such stockholders and proxyholders a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to the stockholders, including an opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with such proceedings, and (z) if any stockholder or proxyholder votes or takes other action at the meeting by means of remote communication, a record of such vote or other action shall be maintained by the Corporation.

2.9 Proxies. Each stockholder entitled to vote at a meeting of stockholders has the right to do so either in person or by one (1) or more agents authorized by a proxy, which may be in the form of a telegram, cablegram or other means of electronic transmission, filed with the Secretary of the Corporation, but no such proxy shall be voted or acted upon after three (3) years from its date, unless the proxy provides for a longer period. A duly executed proxy shall be irrevocable if it states that it is irrevocable and if, and only as long as, it is coupled with an interest sufficient in law to support an irrevocable power. A stockholder may revoke any proxy which is not irrevocable by attending the meeting and voting in person or by delivering an instrument in writing stating that the proxy is revoked or by filing another proxy bearing a later date with the Secretary of the Corporation.

2.10 No Stockholder Action by Written Consent. Subject to the rights of the holders of any class or series of preferred stock then outstanding, as may be set forth in the certificate of designations for such class or series of preferred stock, any action required or permitted to be taken at any annual or special meeting of stockholders may be taken only upon the vote of stockholders at an annual or special meeting duly noticed and called in accordance with the DGCL and may not be taken by written consent of stockholders without a meeting.

2.11 Record Date.

(a) In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to notice of any meeting of the stockholders or any adjournment thereof, the Board may fix a record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of any meeting or adjournment thereof. The record date so fixed shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the Board, and which record date shall not be more than sixty (60) nor less than ten (10) days before the date of such meeting. If no record date is fixed by the Board, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of the stockholders shall be at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which notice is given, or, if notice is waived, at the close of business on the day next preceding the day on which the meeting is held. A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; provided, however, that the Board may fix a new record date for determination of stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at the adjourned meeting.

(b) In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights, or to exercise rights in respect of any change, conversion or exchange of stock or in respect of any other lawful action, the Board may fix a record date, which record date shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the Board, and which record date shall not be more than sixty (60) days prior to such action. If no such record date is fixed, the record date for determining the stockholders for any such purpose shall be at the close of business on the date on which the Board adopts the resolution relating thereto.

2.12 Stockholders' List. A complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders (provided, however, if the record date for determining the stockholders entitled to vote is less than ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, the list shall reflect the stockholders entitled to vote as of the tenth day before the meeting date), arranged in alphabetical order and showing the address of each stockholder, and the number of shares registered in the name of each stockholder, shall be prepared by the officer having charge of the stock ledger. Such list shall be open to examination by any stockholder, for any purpose germane to the meeting, for a period of at least ten (10) days before such meeting (a) on a reasonably accessible electronic network, provided that the information required to gain access to such list is provided with the notice of the meeting, or (b) during ordinary business hours at the principal place of business of the Corporation. If the meeting is to be held at a place, then a list of stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting shall be produced and kept at the time and place of the meeting during the whole time thereof and may be examined by any stockholder who is present. If the meeting is to be held solely by means of remote communication, then the list shall also be open to the examination of any stockholder during the whole time of the meeting on a reasonably accessible electronic network, and the information required to access such list shall be provided with the notice of the meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law, the stock ledger shall be the only evidence as to who are the stockholders entitled to examine the list required by this Section 2.12 or to vote in person or by proxy at any meeting of stockholders.

2.13 Conduct of Meetings. The meetings of the stockholders shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Board, or if he or she is not present, by the Chief Executive Officer, or if neither the Chairman of the Board, nor the Chief Executive Officer is present, by a chairman elected by a resolution adopted by the majority of the Board. The order of business at all meetings of stockholders shall be as determined by the chairman of the meeting.

2.14 Advance Notice of Stockholder Business and Director Nominations.

(a) *Annual Meetings of Stockholders.*

(1) Nominations of persons for election to the Board and the proposal of other business to be considered by the stockholders may be made at an annual meeting of stockholders only (i) pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) delivered pursuant to Section 2.4 and Article VI hereof, (ii) by or at the direction of the Board or any duly authorized committee thereof, or (iii) by any stockholder of the Corporation who (x) is a stockholder of record at the time of delivery by the stockholder of the notice provided for in Section 2.14(a)(2) to the Secretary of the Corporation and at the time of the annual meeting, (y) who is entitled to vote at the meeting and upon such election, and (z) who complies with the notice procedures set forth in Section 2.14(a)(2); clause (iii) shall be the exclusive means for a stockholder to make nominations or submit other business (other than matters properly brought under Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and included in the Corporation's notice of meeting) before an annual meeting of stockholders. Except as otherwise required by law, any failure to comply with these procedures shall result in the nullification of such nomination or proposal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a stockholder is entitled to vote only for a specific class or category of directors at a meeting of the stockholders, such stockholder's right to nominate one (1) or more individuals for the election of a director at the meeting shall be limited to such class or category of directors.

(2) Without qualification, for any nominations or other business to be properly brought before an annual meeting of stockholders by a stockholder pursuant to clause (iii) of Section 2.14(a)(1), the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof, in proper written form as provided in Section 2.14(c), to the Secretary of the Corporation and any such proposed business (other than nominations of persons for the election to the Board) must constitute a proper matter for stockholder action under the DGCL. To be timely, such a stockholder's notice shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90th) day nor earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to the first anniversary date of the preceding year's annual meeting (which date shall, for purposes of the Corporation's annual meeting of stockholders in the year of the closing of the merger contemplated by that certain Merger Agreement, entered into by and among the Corporation, Dragonfly Energy Corp. and Bronco Merger Sub, Inc., dated as of [•], 2022, as amended from time to time (the "Merger Agreement") be deemed to have occurred on [•] of such year); provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced more than thirty (30) days prior to such anniversary date or delayed more than seventy (70) days after such anniversary date then to be timely such notice must be so delivered, or mailed and received, not later than the ninetieth (90th) day prior to such annual meeting or, if later, the tenth (10th) day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such annual meeting was first made. In no event shall the adjournment or postponement of any meeting, or any announcement thereof, commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above. The number of nominees a stockholder may nominate for election at the annual meeting (or in the case of a stockholder giving the notice on behalf of a beneficial owner, the number of nominees a stockholder may nominate for election at the annual meeting on behalf of such beneficial owner) shall not exceed the number of directors to be elected as such annual meeting.

(b) *Special Meetings of Stockholders.* Only such business shall be conducted at a special meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting delivered pursuant to Section 2.4 and Article VI hereof. Nominations of persons for election to the Board may be made at a special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting (1) by or at the direction of the Board or any duly authorized

committee thereof or (2) provided that the Board has determined that directors shall be elected at such meeting, by any stockholder of the Corporation who (x) is a stockholder of record at the time of delivery by the stockholder of the notice provided for in this Section 2.14(b) to the Secretary of the Corporation and at the time of the special meeting, (y) who is entitled to vote at the meeting and upon such election, and (z) who complies with the notice procedures set forth in this Section 2.14(b). In the event the Corporation calls a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of electing one (1) or more directors to the Board, any such stockholder entitled to vote in such election of directors may nominate a person or persons for election to such position(s) as specified in the Corporation's notice of meeting, if the stockholder's notice, in proper written form as set forth in Section 2.14(c), shall be delivered to the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation not earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to such special meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the ninetieth (90th) day prior to such special meeting or the tenth (10th) day following the day on which public announcement is first made of the date of the special meeting and of the nominees proposed by the Board to be elected at such meeting. In no event shall the public announcement of an adjournment or postponement of a special meeting commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a stockholder is entitled to vote only for a specific class or category of directors at a special meeting of the stockholders, such stockholder's right to nominate one (1) or more individuals for the election of a director at the meeting shall be limited to such class or category of directors.

(c) *Form of Notice.* To be in proper written form, such stockholder's notice to the Secretary (whether pursuant to clauses (a)(2) or (b) of this Section 2.14) must set forth:

(1) as to each person, if any, whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or re-election as a director (i) all information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors in an election contest, or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act, (ii) such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected and (iii) a reasonably detailed description of any compensatory, payment or other financial agreement, arrangement or understanding that such person has with any other person or entity other than the Corporation including the amount of any payment or payments received or receivable thereunder, in each case in connection with candidacy or service as a director of the Corporation;

(2) as to any other business (other than the nomination of persons for election as directors) that the stockholder desires to bring before the meeting, (i) a brief description of the business proposed to be brought before the meeting, (ii) the text of the proposal or business (including the text of any resolutions proposed for consideration and, in the event that such business includes a proposal to amend these Bylaws, the language of the proposed amendment), (iii) the reasons why the stockholder favors the proposal, (iv) the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting, and (v) any material interest in such business of such stockholder and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the proposal is made; and

(3) as to the stockholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made (i) the name and address of such stockholder, as they appear on the Corporation's books, and of such beneficial owner, (ii) the class or series and number of shares of the Corporation's capital stock that are, directly or indirectly, owned beneficially and of record by such stockholder and by such beneficial owner, (iii) a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding with respect to the nomination or proposal between or among such stockholder and/or such beneficial owner, any of their respective affiliates or associates, and any others acting in concert with any of the foregoing, including, in the case of a nomination, the nominee, (iv) a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options, warrants, convertible securities, stock appreciation, forwards, futures, swaps, or similar rights, hedging transactions, and borrowed or loaned shares) that has been entered into as of the date of the stockholder's notice by, or on behalf of, such stockholder and such beneficial owner, whether or not such instrument or right shall be subject to settlement in underlying shares of capital stock of the Corporation, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss to, manage risk or benefit of share price changes for, or increase or decrease the voting power of such

stockholder or such beneficial owner with respect to shares of capital stock of the Corporation, (v) a representation that the stockholder is a holder of record of stock of the Corporation entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to propose such business or nomination, (vi) a representation whether the stockholder or the beneficial owner, if any, intends or is part of a group which intends (A) to deliver a proxy statement and/or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Corporation's outstanding capital stock required to approve or adopt the proposal or elect the nominee and/or (B) otherwise to solicit proxies or votes from stockholders in support of such proposal or nomination, (vii) any other information relating to such stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for, as applicable, the proposal and/or for the election of directors in an election contest pursuant to and in accordance with Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and (viii) such other information relating to any proposed item of business as the Corporation may reasonably require to determine whether such proposed item of business is a proper matter for stockholder action.

The foregoing notice requirements of this Section 2.14(c) shall be deemed satisfied by a stockholder with respect to business other than a nomination if the stockholder has notified the Corporation of his, her or its intention to present a proposal at an annual meeting in compliance with applicable rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act and such stockholder's proposal has been included in a proxy statement that has been prepared by the Corporation to solicit proxies for such annual meeting.

If requested by the Corporation, the information required under clauses (c)(3)(ii), (iii) and (iv) of this Section 2.14 shall be supplemented by such stockholder and any such beneficial owner not later than ten (10) days after the record date for the meeting to disclose such information as of the record date.

(d) *General.*

(1) The Corporation may require any proposed nominee for election or re-election as a director to furnish such other information, in addition to the information set forth in the stockholder's notice delivered pursuant to this Section 2.14, as it may reasonably require to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as a director of the Corporation and whether such nominee qualifies as an "independent director" or "audit committee financial expert" under applicable law, securities exchange rules or regulations, or any publicly-disclosed corporate governance guideline or committee charter of the Corporation.

(2) Except as otherwise expressly provided in any applicable rule or regulation promulgated under the Exchange Act, only such persons who are nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 2.14 shall be eligible to be elected at an annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation to serve as directors, and only such business as shall have been brought before the meeting in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 2.14 shall be conducted at a meeting of stockholders. Except as otherwise provided by law, the chairman of the meeting shall have the power and duty to (i) determine whether a nomination or any business proposed to be brought before the meeting was made or proposed, as the case may be, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 2.14 (including whether the stockholder or beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made or solicited (or is part of a group which solicited) or did not so solicit, as the case may be, proxies or votes in support of such stockholder's nominee or proposal in compliance with such stockholder's representation as required by Section 2.14(c)(3)(vi), and, (ii) if any proposed nomination or business was not made or proposed in compliance with this Section 2.14, to declare that such nomination shall be disregarded or that such proposed business shall not be transacted. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.14, unless otherwise required by law, if the stockholder who has delivered a notice pursuant to this Section 2.14 (or a qualified representative of such stockholder) does not appear at the annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation to present a nomination or proposed business, such nomination shall be disregarded and such proposed business shall not be transacted, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such vote may have been received by the Corporation. To be considered a "qualified representative" of the stockholder, a person must be a duly authorized officer, manager or partner of such stockholder or must be authorized by a writing executed by such

stockholder or by telegram, cablegram or other means of electronic transmission that is deemed valid in accordance with Section 2.9 hereof delivered by such stockholder to act for such stockholder as proxy at the meeting of stockholders, and such person must produce such writing or telegram, cablegram or electronic transmission, or a reliable reproduction of the writing or telegram, cablegram or electronic transmission, at the meeting of stockholders.

(3) For purposes of this Section 2.14, “public announcement” shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press or comparable national news service, or in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Sections 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(4) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.14, stockholders shall also comply with all applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in this Section 2.14; provided, however, that any references in these Bylaws to the Exchange Act or the rules promulgated thereunder are not intended to and shall not limit the requirements applicable to nominations or proposals as to any other business to be considered pursuant to clause (a)(1)(iii) or (b) of this Section 2.14. Nothing in this Section 2.14 shall be deemed to affect any rights (x) of stockholders to request inclusion of proposals or nominations in the Corporation’s proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Exchange Act or (y) of the holders of any series of preferred stock to elect directors pursuant to any applicable provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation.

(e) *Submission of Questionnaire, Representation and Agreement.* To be eligible to be a nominee for election or re-election as a director of the Corporation nominated by a stockholder pursuant to Section 2.14(a)(1)(iii), the candidate for nomination must deliver (in accordance with the time periods prescribed for delivery of notice under clauses (a)(2) or (b) of this Section 2.14, as applicable) to the Secretary at the principal executive office of the Corporation (1) a completed written questionnaire (in a form provided by the Corporation) with respect to the background, qualifications, stock ownership and independence of such person and the background of any other person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made (which questionnaire shall be provided by the Secretary upon written request) and (2) a written representation and agreement (in the form provided by the Secretary upon written request) that such person (1) is not and, if elected as a director during his or her term of office, will not become a party to (x) any agreement, arrangement or understanding with, and has not given any commitment or assurance to, any person or entity as to how such person, if elected as a director of the Corporation, will act or vote on any issue or question in his or her capacity as a director (a “Voting Commitment”) that has not been disclosed to the Corporation or (y) any Voting Commitment that could limit or interfere with such person’s ability to comply, if elected as a director of the Corporation, with such person’s fiduciary duties under applicable law, (2) is not and will not become a party to any agreement, arrangement or understanding with any person or entity other than the Corporation with respect to any direct or indirect compensation, reimbursement or indemnification in connection with service or action as a director of the Corporation that has not been disclosed therein and (3) in such person’s individual capacity and on behalf of any person or entity on whose behalf the nomination is being made, would be in compliance, if elected as a director of the Corporation, and will comply with all applicable publicly disclosed corporate governance, conflict of interest, confidentiality and stock ownership and trading policies and guidelines of the Corporation (and, if requested by any candidate for nomination, the Secretary of the Corporation shall provide to such candidate for nomination all such policies and guidelines then in effect).

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS

3.1 Powers and Duties. Subject to the provisions of the DGCL and to any limitations in the Certificate of Incorporation relating to action required to be approved by the stockholders, the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed, and all corporate powers shall be exercised, by or under the direction and control of the Board. The Board may delegate the management of the day-to-day operation of the business of the Corporation, provided that the business and affairs of the Corporation shall remain under the ultimate direction and control of the Board.

3.2 Number and Qualifications. The Board shall consist of one (1) or more members, the exact number of which shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Unless otherwise required by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation, directors need not be stockholders of the Corporation or residents of the State of Delaware. No reduction of the authorized number of directors shall have the effect of removing any director before that director's term of office expires.

3.3 Classified Board of Directors. The Board shall be divided into classes, with each such class serving for a term, as set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation.

3.4 Resignations and Removals of Directors. Any director of the Corporation may resign from the Board or any committee thereof at any time, by giving notice in writing or by electronic transmission to the Chairman of the Board, the President or the Secretary of the Corporation and, in the case of a committee, to the chairman of such committee, if there be one and if there is no such chairman, to the Chairman of the Board. Such resignation shall take effect at the time therein specified (which may be upon the happening of an event specified therein) or, if no time is specified, immediately. Unless otherwise specified in such notice, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Except as otherwise required by law or the Certificate of Incorporation and except for any director elected by the holders of any series or class of preferred stock provided for or fixed pursuant to the provisions of Article V of the Certificate of Incorporation, any director or the entire Board may be removed from office at any time, but only for cause, and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66⅔%) of the total voting power of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote in the election of directors, voting together as a single class. Unless otherwise provided by the charter of the committee, any director serving on a committee of the Board may be removed from such committee at any time by the Board.

3.5 Vacancies. Except as otherwise required by law or the Certificate of Incorporation, any vacancy on the Board, by reason of death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal or otherwise, and any newly created directorship that results from an increase in the number of directors, shall be filled only by a majority of the Board then in office, even if less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director. Any director of any class elected to fill a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number of directors of such class shall hold office for a term that shall coincide with the remaining term of that class. Any director elected to fill a vacancy not resulting from an increase in the number of directors shall have the same remaining term as that of his or her predecessor.

3.6 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at such place or places, within or without the State of Delaware, on such date or dates and at such time or times, as shall have been established by the Board and publicized among all directors. A notice of each regular meeting shall not be required.

3.7 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, if any, the President or any two (2) directors then in office. Notice of each such meeting shall be given to each director, if by mail, addressed to such director at his or her residence or usual place of business, at least five (5) days before the day on which such meeting is to be held, or shall be sent to such director at such place by facsimile, electronic mail or other electronic transmissions, or be delivered personally or by telephone, in each case at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time set for such meeting. A notice of special meeting need not state the purpose of such meeting, and, unless indicated in the notice thereof, any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting.

3.8 Organization. Meetings of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Board, or in his or her absence by the Vice Chairman of the Board, if any, or in his or her absence by the Chief Executive

Officer, if any, if such person is a member of the Board, or in the absence of any such person, by a chairperson chosen at the meeting. The Secretary shall act as secretary of the meeting, but in his or her absence the chairperson of the meeting may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

3.9 Quorum. Except as otherwise required by law, these Bylaws or the Certificate of Incorporation, at all meetings of the Board or any committee thereof, a majority of the entire Board or a majority of the directors constituting such committee, as the case may be, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the act of a majority of the directors or committee members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board or such committee, as applicable. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Board or any committee thereof, a majority of the directors present thereat may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting of the time and place of the adjourned meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

3.10 Action of the Board by Written Consent. Unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all of the members of the Board or such committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing or by electronic transmission and the writing or writings or electronic transmission or transmissions are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or such committee. Such filing shall be in paper form if the minutes are maintained in paper form and shall be in electronic form if the minutes are maintained in electronic form. After an action is taken, the consent or consents relating thereto shall be filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or such committee.

3.11 Expense Reimbursement and Compensation. Directors and members of committees may receive such compensation, if any, for their services and such reimbursement of expenses as may be fixed or determined by resolution of the Board. This Section 3.11 shall not be construed to preclude any director from serving the Corporation in any other capacity as an officer, agent, employee or otherwise and receiving compensation for those services.

3.12 Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board. The Corporation shall have a Chairman of the Board and, at the Board's discretion, a Vice Chairman of the Board. Any such Chairman of the Board or Vice Chairman of the Board may be an officer of this Corporation as determined by the Board pursuant to Section 4.1. The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders and of the Board and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may be from time to time assigned to him or her by the Board or as may be prescribed by these Bylaws.

3.13 Committees.

(a) The Board may, by resolution, designate from among its members one (1) or more committees, each such committee to consist of one (1) or more of the directors of the Corporation, the exact number of which shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. The Board may designate one (1) or more directors as alternate members of any committee to replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of the committee. In the absence or disqualification of a member of a committee, the member or members present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not he, she or they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another member of the Board to act at the meeting in the place of any such absent or disqualified member. Any such committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board establishing such committee, shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation, and may authorize the seal of the Corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it; provided, however, no such committee shall have the power or authority in reference to the following matters: (i) approving or adopting, or recommending to the stockholders, any action or matter (other than the election or removal of directors) expressly required by the DGCL to be submitted to stockholders for approval, or (ii) adopting, amending or repealing any bylaw of the Corporation. All committees of the Board shall keep minutes of their meetings and shall report their proceedings to the Board when requested or required by the Board.

(b) Any committee of the Board may adopt such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws for the conduct of its meetings as such committee may deem proper.

3.14 Telephonic Meetings. Unless otherwise restricted by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, members of the Board, or any committee designated by the Board, may participate in a meeting of the Board, or such committee, as the case may be, by means of conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and such participation in a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

4.1 General. The officers of the Corporation shall be chosen by the Board and shall include a President, a Chief Executive Officer, and a Secretary. The Board, in its discretion, may also appoint such additional officers as the Board may deem necessary or desirable, including a Chief Financial Officer, one (1) or more Vice Presidents, one (1) or more Assistant Vice Presidents, one (1) or more Assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer and one (1) or more Assistant Treasurers, each of whom shall hold office for such period, have such authority and perform such duties as the Board may from time to time determine. Subject to the rules or regulations of any stock exchange applicable to the Corporation or other applicable law, the Board may delegate to any officer of this Corporation or any committee of the Board the power to appoint, remove and prescribe the term and duties of any officer provided for in this Section 4.1. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, unless otherwise provided by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

4.2 Appointment and Term. Each officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and shall hold office until such officer's successor has been appointed, or until such officer's earlier death, resignation or removal. Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by the Board or by any officer upon whom such power of removal may be conferred by the Board.

4.3 Resignations. An officer may resign from his or her position at any time, by giving notice in writing or electronic transmission to the Corporation. Such resignation shall be without prejudice to any rights, if any, the Corporation may have under any contract to which the officer is a party. Such resignation shall take effect at the time therein specified (which may be upon the happening of an event specified therein), or, if no time is specified, immediately; and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

4.4 Vacancies. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise shall be filled by the Board in the manner prescribed in these Bylaws for election or appointment to such office.

4.5 Compensation. The Board shall fix, or may appoint a committee to fix, the compensation of all officers of the Corporation appointed by the Board. Subject to the rules or regulations of any stock exchange applicable to the Corporation or other applicable law, the Board may authorize any officer upon whom the power to appoint officers may have been conferred pursuant to Section 4.1 to fix the compensation of such officers.

4.6 Authority and Duties of Officers. All officers of the Corporation shall respectively have such authority and perform such duties in the management of the business of the Corporation as may be provided herein or designated from time to time by the Board and, to the extent not so provided, as generally pertain to their respective offices, subject to the control of the Board.

ARTICLE V

STOCK

5.1 Certificates. The shares of the Corporation shall be represented by certificates, provided that the Board may provide by resolution or resolutions that some or all of any or all classes or series of the Corporation's stock shall be uncertificated shares. Any such resolution shall not apply to shares represented by a certificate until such certificate is surrendered to the Corporation. Every holder of stock in the Corporation represented by certificates shall be entitled to have a certificate signed by, or in the name of, the Corporation by any two (2) authorized officers, representing the number of shares registered in certificate

form. Any or all of the signatures on the certificate may be a facsimile signature. In case any officer, transfer agent or registrar who has signed or whose facsimile signature has been placed upon a certificate shall have ceased to be such officer, transfer agent or registrar before such certificate is issued, it may be issued by the Corporation with the same effect as if such person were such officer, transfer agent or registrar at the date of issuance.

5.2 Transfers. Shares of stock of the Corporation shall be transferable upon the Corporation's books by the holders thereof, in person or by their duly authorized attorneys or legal representatives, upon surrender to the Corporation of the certificate or certificates representing such shares endorsed by the appropriate person or persons (or, with respect to uncertificated shares, by delivery of duly executed instructions or in any other manner permitted by applicable law). Certificates representing such shares, if any, shall be cancelled and new certificates, if the shares are to be certificated, shall thereupon be issued. Shares of capital stock of the Corporation that are not represented by a certificate shall be transferred in accordance with applicable law. A record shall be made of each transfer. Whenever any transfer of shares shall be made for collateral security, and not absolutely, it shall be so expressed in the entry of the transfer if, when the certificates are presented, both the transferor and transferee request the Corporation to do so. The Board shall have power and authority to make such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary or proper concerning the issue, transfer and registration of certificates for shares of stock of the Corporation.

5.3 Lost, Stolen, or Destroyed Certificates. The Board may direct a new certificate or uncertificated shares be issued in place of any certificate theretofore issued by the Corporation alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming the certificate of stock to be lost, stolen or destroyed. When authorizing such issuance of a new certificate or uncertificated shares, the Board may, in its discretion, require the owner of such lost, stolen or destroyed certificate to give the Corporation a bond (or other adequate security) in such sum as it may direct as indemnity against any claim that may be made against the Corporation on account of the alleged loss, theft or destruction of such certificate or the issuance of such new certificate or uncertificated shares. The Board may adopt such other provisions and restrictions with reference to lost certificates, not inconsistent with applicable law, as it shall in its discretion deem appropriate.

5.4 Record Owners. The Corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a person registered on its books as the owner of shares to receive dividends, and to vote as such owner, and shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or shares on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise required by law.

ARTICLE VI

NOTICES

6.1 Notices.

(a) Whenever notice is required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, to be given to any director, member of a committee or stockholder, such notice may be given by mail, addressed to such director, member of a committee or stockholder, at such person's address as it appears on the books of the Corporation or given by the stockholder for such purpose, with postage thereon prepaid, and such notice shall be deemed to be given at the time when the same shall be deposited in the United States mail. Notice may also be given personally or by facsimile, electronic mail or other means of electronic transmission in accordance with applicable law. Without limiting the foregoing, any notice to stockholders given by the Corporation pursuant to the DGCL, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws shall be effective if given by a form of electronic transmission consented to by the stockholder to whom the notice is given.

(b) Notice to a stockholder given by a form of electronic transmission in accordance with these Bylaws shall be deemed given: (i) if by facsimile telecommunication, when directed to a number at which the stockholder has consented to receive notice; (ii) if by electronic mail, when directed to an electronic mail address at which the stockholder has consented to receive notice; (iii) if by a posting on an electronic network, together with separate notice to the stockholder of such specific posting, upon the later of such posting and the giving of such separate notice; and (iv) if by another form of electronic transmission,

when directed to the stockholder. For purposes of these Bylaws, “electronic transmission” means any form of communication, not directly involving the physical transmission of paper, that creates a record that may be retained, retrieved and reviewed by a recipient thereof, and that may be directly reproduced in paper form by such a recipient through an automated process.

(c) Any notice to stockholders given by the Corporation may be given by a single written notice to stockholders who share an address if consented to by the stockholders at such address to whom such notice is given. Any such consent shall be revocable by the stockholders by written notice to the Corporation. Any stockholder who fails to object in writing to the Corporation, within sixty (60) days of having been given written notice by the Corporation of its intention to send the single notice as set forth in this Section 6.1(c), shall be deemed to have consented to receiving such single written notice.

6.2 Waivers of Notice. Whenever any notice is required by applicable law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, to be given to any director, member of a committee or stockholder, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to notice, or a waiver thereof given by electronic transmission by the person or persons entitled to notice, in each case, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent thereto. Attendance of a person at a meeting, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where the person attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any annual or special meeting of stockholders or any regular or special meeting of the directors or members of a committee of directors need be specified in any written waiver of notice unless so required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

INDEMNIFICATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSES

7.1 Definitions. For purposes of this Article VII, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

(a) “Action” means any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative.

(b) “Indemnified Party” means any person who is or was a party or is threatened to be made a party to any Action by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Corporation (which shall include actions taken in connection with or relating to the incorporation of the Corporation) or, while a director or officer of the Corporation, is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including any employee benefit plan of the Corporation.

7.2 Indemnification. The Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law as it presently exists or may hereafter be amended, any Indemnified Party against any and all liability and loss suffered and expenses (including attorneys’ fees) reasonably incurred by such Indemnified Party. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, except as provided in Section 7.5, the Corporation shall be required to indemnify an Indemnified Party in connection with an Action (or part thereof) commenced by such Indemnified Party only if the commencement of such Action (or part thereof) by the Indemnified Party was authorized in the specific case by the Board of the Corporation.

7.3 Determination. Any indemnification under this Article VII (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that the indemnification of Indemnified Party is proper in the circumstances because such Indemnified Party has met the applicable standard of conduct required by applicable law, as the case may be. Such determination shall be made, with respect to an Indemnified Party who is a director or officer at the time of such determination, (a) by a majority vote of the directors who are not parties to such Action, even though less than a quorum, (b) by a committee of such directors designated by a majority vote of such directors, even though less than a quorum, (c) if there are no such directors, or if such directors so direct, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion or (d) by the stockholders. Such determination shall be made, with respect to former directors or officers, by any person

or persons having the authority to act on the matter on behalf of the Corporation. To the extent, however, that a present or former Indemnified Party of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any Action or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such Indemnified Party shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such Indemnified Party in connection therewith, without the necessity of authorization in the specific case.

7.4 Expenses Payable in Advance. Expenses, including without limitation attorneys' fees, incurred by an Indemnified Party in defending any Action shall be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such Action upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such Indemnified Person (if required by law) to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such Indemnified Party is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article VII.

7.5 Claim. If a claim for indemnification under this Article VII (following the final disposition of such proceeding) is not paid in full within sixty (60) days after the Corporation has received a claim therefor by the Indemnified Party, or if a claim for any advancement of expenses under this Article VII is not paid in full within thirty (30) days after the Corporation has received a statement or statements requesting such amounts to be advanced, the Indemnified Party shall thereupon (but not before) be entitled to file suit to recover the unpaid amount of such claim. If successful in whole or in part, the Indemnified Party shall be entitled to be paid the expense of prosecuting such claim to the fullest extent permitted by law. In any such action, the Corporation shall have the burden of proving that the Indemnified Party is not entitled to the requested indemnification or advancement of expenses under applicable law.

7.6 Other Indemnification or Advancement. The rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by this Article VII shall not be construed to be exclusive of or limit any other rights to which any Indemnified Party or other person may be entitled under the Certificate of Incorporation or any bylaw, agreement, vote of the stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in such Indemnified Party's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding office.

7.7 Insurance. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance in the amounts the Board deems appropriate or advisable on behalf of any Indemnified Party against any liability asserted against such Indemnified Party and incurred by such Indemnified Party in such Indemnified Party's capacity, or arising out of such Indemnified Party's status, as an Indemnified Party, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such Indemnified Party against such liability under applicable provisions of law.

ARTICLE VIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the Board.

8.2 Corporate Seal. The Corporation may adopt and may subsequently alter the corporate seal and it may use the same by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or reproduced or otherwise.

8.3 Maintenance and Inspection of Records. The Corporation shall, either at its principal executive office or at such place or places as designated by the Board, keep a record of its stockholders listing their names and addresses and the number and class of shares held by each stockholder, a copy of these Bylaws as amended to date, accounting books and other records.

8.4 Reliance Upon Books, Reports and Records. Each director and each member of any committee designated by the Board shall, in the performance of his or her duties, be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the books of account or other records of the Corporation and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Corporation by any of its officers or employees, or committees of the Board so designated, or by any other person as to matters which such director or committee member reasonably believes are within such other person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Corporation.

8.5 Dividends. Subject to the requirements of the DGCL and the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, dividends on the capital stock of the Corporation may be declared by the Board at any regular or special meeting of the Board (or any action by written consent in lieu thereof in accordance with

Section 3.11 hereof), and may be paid in cash, in property, or in shares of the Corporation's capital stock. Before payment of any dividend, there may be set aside out of any funds of the Corporation available for dividends such sum or sums as the Board from time to time, in its absolute discretion, deems proper as a reserve or reserves to meet contingencies, or for purchasing any of the shares of capital stock, warrants, rights, options, bonds, debentures, notes, scrip or other securities or evidences of indebtedness of the Corporation, or for equalizing dividends, or for repairing or maintaining any property of the Corporation, or for any proper purpose, and the Board may modify or abolish any such reserve. In the event that the Board declares a dividend on the capital stock of the Corporation pursuant to this Section 8.5, the Board may fix a record date in order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend, which record date shall be fixed in accordance with Section 2.11(b).

8.6 Emergency Bylaws. In the event of any emergency, disaster or catastrophe, as referred to in Section 110 of the DGCL or any successor provision, or other similar emergency condition, as a result of which a quorum of the Board or a standing committee of the Board cannot readily be convened for action, then the director or directors in attendance at the meeting shall constitute a quorum. Such director or directors in attendance may further take action to appoint one (1) or more of themselves or other directors to membership on any standing or temporary committees of the Board as they shall deem necessary and appropriate.

8.7 Certificate of Incorporation Governs. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation and these Bylaws, the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation shall govern.

8.8 Severability. Any determination that any provision of these Bylaws is for any reason inapplicable, illegal or ineffective shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of these Bylaws.

8.9 Actions with Respect to Securities of Other Entities. All stock and other securities of other entities owned or held by the Corporation for itself, or for other parties in any capacity, shall be voted (including by written consent), and all proxies with respect thereto shall be executed, by the person or persons authorized to do so by resolution of the Board or, in the absence of such authorization, by the President, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary or such other officer of the Corporation designated by the Board.

ARTICLE IX

LOCK-UP

9.1 Subject to Section 2 of this Article IX, the holders (the "Lock-up Holders") of common stock of the Corporation issued (a) as consideration pursuant to the merger of Bronco Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation, with and into Dragonfly Energy Corp., a Nevada corporation (the "Merger") or (b) to directors, officers and employees of the Corporation upon the settlement or exercise of stock options or other equity awards outstanding as of immediately following the closing of the Merger in respect of awards of Dragonfly Energy Corp. outstanding immediately prior to the closing of the Merger (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the Acquiror Warrants (as defined in the Merger Agreement)) (the "Dragonfly Equity Award Shares"), may not Transfer any Lock-up Shares until the end of the Lock-up Period (the "Lock-up").

9.2 Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in Section 9.1, the Lock-up Holders or their respective Permitted Transferees may Transfer the Lock-up Shares during the Lock-up Period (a) to (i) the Corporation's officers or directors, (ii) any affiliates or family members of the Corporation's officers or directors, (iii) any direct or indirect partners, members or equity holders of such Lock-up Holder, or any related investment funds or vehicles controlled or managed by such persons or entities or their respective affiliates, or (iv) the other Lock-up Holders or any direct or indirect partners, members or equity holders of the Lock-up Holders, any affiliates of the Lock-up Holders or any related investment funds or vehicles controlled or managed by such persons or entities or their respective affiliates; (b) in the case of an individual, by gift to a member of the individual's immediate family or to a trust, the beneficiary of which is a member of the individual's immediate family or an affiliate of such person or entity, or to a charitable organization; (c) in the case of an individual, by virtue of laws of descent and distribution upon death of the individual; (d) in the case of an individual, pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order; (e) to the partners, members or equity holders of such Lock-up Holder by virtue of the Lock-up Holder's organizational documents, as amended, upon dissolution of the Lock-up Holder; (f) in connection with any bona fide mortgage, encumbrance or pledge to a financial

institution in connection with any bona fide loan or debt transaction or enforcement thereunder, including foreclosure thereof; (g) to the Corporation; or (h) in connection with a liquidation, merger, stock exchange, reorganization, tender offer approved by the Board of Directors or a duly authorized committee thereof or other similar transaction which results in all of the Corporation's stockholders having the right to exchange their shares of common stock for cash, securities or other property subsequent to the closing date of the Merger.

9.3 Notwithstanding the other provisions set forth in this Article IX or these Bylaws (including Article X), the Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, determine to waive, amend, or repeal the Lock-up obligations set forth in this Article; provided, that, any such waiver, amendment or repeal of any Lock-up obligations set forth herein shall require, in addition to any other vote of the members of the Board of Directors required to take such action pursuant to these bylaws or applicable law, the affirmative vote of at least one of the directors of the Corporation that has been designated pursuant to Section 7.6(a)(i) of the Merger Agreement, or if no such person is then serving as a director of the Corporation, one of their respective successors.

9.4 For purposes of this Article IX:

(a) the term "Lock-up Period" means the period beginning on the closing date of the Merger and ending on the date that is 180 days after the closing date of the Merger;

(b) the term "Lock-up Shares" means the shares of common stock held by the Lock-up Holders immediately following the closing of the Merger (other than shares of common stock acquired in the public market or pursuant to a transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to a subscription agreement where the issuance of common stock occurs on or after the closing of the Merger) and the Dragonfly Equity Awards Shares; provided, that, for clarity, shares of common stock issued in connection with the PIPE Investment (as defined in the Merger Agreement) shall not constitute Lock-up Shares;

(c) the term "Permitted Transferees" means, prior to the expiration of the Lock-up Period, any person or entity to whom such Lock-up Holder is permitted to transfer such shares of common stock prior to the expiration of the Lock-up Period pursuant to Section 9.2; and

(d) the term "Transfer" means the (i) sale or assignment of, offer to sell, contract or agreement to sell, hypothecate, pledge, grant of any option to purchase or otherwise dispose of or agreement to dispose of, directly or indirectly, or establishment or increase of a put equivalent position or liquidation with respect to or decrease of a call equivalent position within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act with respect to, any security, (ii) entry into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of any security, whether any such transaction is to be settled by delivery of such securities, in cash or otherwise, or (c) public announcement of any intention to effect any transaction specified in clause (i) or (i) of this subparagraph.

9.5 The provisions of this Article IX shall continue in effect during the Lock-Up Period, and shall thereafter terminate and be of no further force or effect.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

10.1 Amendments. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, in whole or in part, or new Bylaws may be adopted by the Board or by the stockholders as expressly provided in the Certificate of Incorporation.

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FORM OF AMENDED AND RESTATED REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this “**Agreement**”), dated as of May 15, 2022 (the “**Effective Date**”), is made and entered into by and among Dragonfly Energy Holdings Corp., a Delaware corporation (f/k/a Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.) (the “**Company**”), and each of the stockholders set forth on the signature pages hereto (each, a “**Stockholder**” collectively, the “**Stockholders**”).

WHEREAS, on the Effective Date, certain Stockholders identified as the “Initial Stockholders” on Exhibit A hereto (the “**Initial Stockholders**”) collectively hold 3,162,500 shares of Common Stock (the “**Initial Shares**”) and warrants exercisable for 4,627,858 shares of Common Stock (the “**Initial Warrants**”), which were issued to the Initial Stockholders prior to the consummation of the Company’s initial public offering;

WHEREAS, the Company and the Initial Stockholders are party to that certain Registration Rights Agreement, dated August 10, 2021 (the “**Original RRA**”);

WHEREAS, on the Effective Date, certain of the Stockholders identified as the “Dragonfly Stockholders” on Exhibit A hereto (the “**Dragonfly Stockholders**”) have acquired an aggregate of [•] shares of Common Stock (together with any shares of Common Stock that may be issued to the Dragonfly Stockholders as Earnout Shares (as defined in the Merger Agreement) in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “**Merger Agreement**”), dated as of May 15, 2022, by and among the Company, Bronco Merger Sub, Inc., a Nevada corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (“**Merger Sub**”), and Dragonfly Energy Corp., a Nevada corporation (the “**Acquired Company**”), pursuant to which Merger Sub merged with and into the Acquired Company (the “**Merger**”), with the Acquired Company surviving the Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company;

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, the Sponsor (as defined below) purchased an aggregate of 500,000 shares of Common Stock less the Open Market Share Credit (as defined in the Subscription Agreement) (the “**PIPE Shares**”) in a transaction exempt from registration under the Securities Act pursuant to the Subscription Agreement dated as of May 15, 2022, entered into by and between the Company and the Sponsor (the “**Subscription Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Closing, the Company and the Initial Stockholders desire to amend and restate the Original RRA in its entirety as set forth herein, and the Stockholders and the Company desire to enter into this Agreement to provide the Stockholders with certain rights relating to the registration of such securities from time to time after the Effective Date.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. **CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.** As used in this Agreement, the following capitalized terms used herein shall have the following meanings:

“**1933 Act**” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“**1934 Act**” means the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“**Acquired Company**” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“**Agreement**” has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

“**Allowed Delay**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(c)(iii).

“**Availability Date**” has the meaning set forth in Section 3(n).

“**Block Trade**” means an offering and/or sale of Registrable Securities by any Stockholder on a block trade or underwritten basis (whether firm commitment or otherwise) not involving a “roadshow,” including, without limitation, a same day trade, overnight trade or similar transaction.

“**Business Day**” means any day other than Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in the City of New York are authorized or required by law to remain closed.

“**Closing**” shall have the meaning given in the Merger Agreement.

“**Common Stock**” means the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share.

“**Company**” has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

“**Cut Back Shares**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(d).

“**Demand**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(e)(i).

“**Demanding Stockholders**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(e)(i).

“**Dragonfly Stockholders**” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“**Earnout Shares**” has the meaning set forth in the Merger Agreement.

“**Effective Date**” has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

“**Effectiveness Period**” has the meaning set forth in Section 3(a).

“**Filing Deadline**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(i).

“**Indemnified Party**” has the meaning set forth in Section 5(c).

“**Indemnifying Party**” has the meaning set forth in Section 5(c).

“**Initial Registration Statement**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(i).

“**Initial Shares**” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“**Initial Stockholders**” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“**Initial Warrants**” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“**Lock-up**” shall have the meaning given in Section 6.

“**Lock-up Parties**” shall mean the Dragonfly Stockholders and their Permitted Transferees.

“**Lock-up Period**” shall mean the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending on the date that is six (6) months after the Closing Date.

“**Lock-up Shares**” shall mean (a) the shares of Common Stock and any other equity securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock held by the Dragonfly Stockholders immediately following the Closing (other than shares of Common Stock acquired in the public market) and (b) any Earnout Shares issued within six (6) months of the Closing Date and the shares of Common Stock issued with respect to or in exchange for such Earnout Shares (if applicable).

“**Losses**” has the meaning set forth in Section 5(a).

“**Maximum Number of Shares**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(e)(ii).

“**Merger**” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“**Merger Agreement**” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“**Merger Sub**” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“**Minimum Takedown Threshold**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(e)(i).

“**Misstatement**” means an untrue statement of a material fact or an omission to state a material fact required to be stated in a Registration Statement or Prospectus or necessary to make the statements in a

Registration Statement or Prospectus (in the case of a Prospectus, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made) not misleading.

“**Original RRA**” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“**Other Coordinated Offering**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(f)(i).

“**Permitted Transferees**” means (a) with respect to the Dragonfly Stockholders and their respective Permitted Transferees, (i) prior to the expiration of the Lock-up Period, any person or entity to whom such Stockholder is permitted to transfer such Registrable Securities prior to the expiration of the Lock-up Period pursuant to Section 6(b) and (ii) after the expiration of the Lock-up Period, any person or entity to whom such Stockholder is permitted to transfer such Registrable Securities, subject to and in accordance with any applicable agreement between such Stockholder and/or their respective Permitted Transferees and the Company and any transferee thereafter; and (b) with respect to all other Stockholders and their respective Permitted Transferees, any person or entity to whom a Stockholder is permitted to transfer its Registrable Securities, including prior to the expiration of any lock-up period applicable to such Registrable Securities, subject to and in accordance with any applicable agreement between such Stockholder and/or their respective Permitted Transferees and the Company and any transferee thereafter.

“**Piggy-Back Registration**” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(f)(i).

“**PIPE Shares**” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“**Prospectus**” means (i) the prospectus included in any Registration Statement, as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement, with respect to the terms of the offering of any portion of the Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement and by all other amendments and supplements to the prospectus, including post-effective amendments and all material incorporated by reference in such prospectus, and (ii) when available to be used, any “free writing prospectus” as defined in Rule 405 under the 1933 Act.

“**Register**,” “**registered**” and “**registration**” refer to a registration made by preparing and filing a Registration Statement or similar document in compliance with the 1933 Act (as defined below), and the declaration or ordering of effectiveness of such Registration Statement or document.

“**Registrable Securities**” means (a) any outstanding shares of Common Stock and any other equity security (including the Initial Warrants and any other warrants to purchase shares of Common Stock and shares of Common Stock issued or issuable upon the exercise of any other equity security) of the Company held by a Stockholder immediately following the Closing (including any securities distributable pursuant to the Merger Agreement and any PIPE Shares); (b) any outstanding shares of Common Stock or any other equity security (including warrants to purchase shares of Common Stock and shares of Common Stock issued or issuable upon the exercise of any other equity security) of the Company acquired by a Stockholder following the date hereof to the extent that such securities are “restricted securities” (as defined in Rule 144) or are otherwise held by an “affiliate” (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company; (c) any shares of Common Stock and any other equity security received as Earnout Shares; and (d) any other equity security of the Company or any of its subsidiaries issued or issuable with respect to any securities referenced in clause (a), (b) or (c) above by way of a stock dividend or stock split or in connection with a recapitalization, merger, consolidation, spin-off, reorganization or similar transaction; provided that, such securities shall cease to be Registrable Securities upon the earliest to occur of: (i) a Registration Statement with respect to the sale of such securities shall have become effective under the Securities Act and such securities shall have been sold, transferred, disposed of or exchanged in accordance with such Registration Statement by the applicable Stockholder; (ii) such securities shall have been otherwise transferred, new certificates or book entry positions for such securities not bearing a legend restricting further transfer shall have been delivered by the Company and subsequent public distribution of such securities shall not require registration under the Securities Act; (iii) such securities shall have ceased to be outstanding; (iv) such securities have been sold to, or through, a broker, dealer or underwriter in a public distribution or other public securities transaction in compliance with Rule 144 following the Closing Date; or (v) with respect to a Stockholder, when all such securities held by such Stockholder could be sold without restriction on volume or manner of sale in any three-month period without registration under Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act (or any successor rule promulgated thereafter by the SEC).

“Registration Statement” means any registration statement filed by the Company under the 1933 Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder that covers the resale of any of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, including the Prospectus included in such registration statement, amendments and supplements to such Registration Statement, including post-effective amendments, and all exhibits to and all material incorporated by reference in such Registration Statement.

“Requesting Stockholder” means Stockholders requesting piggy back rights pursuant to this Agreement with respect to an Underwritten Offering or Underwritten Shelf Takedown.

“Required Stockholders” means the Stockholders holding a majority of the Registrable Securities outstanding from time to time.

“Restriction Termination Date” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(d).

“Rule 144” means Rule 144 promulgated by the SEC pursuant to the 1933 Act, as such rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the SEC having substantially the same effect as such rule.

“Rule 415” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(i).

“SEC” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“SEC Restrictions” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(d).

“Selling Stockholder” means any Stockholder electing to sell any of its Registrable Securities in a Registration.

“Selling Stockholder Questionnaire” means such form of questionnaire as may reasonably be adopted by the Company from time to time.

“Sponsor” means Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC prior to its dissolution and, after the dissolution of Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC, the members of Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC.

“Sponsor Managers” shall mean (i) prior to the dissolution of the Sponsor, the managers of the Sponsor and (ii) after the dissolution of the Sponsor, the managers of the Sponsor immediately prior to such dissolution.

“Sponsor Member” shall mean a member of Sponsor who becomes party to this Agreement as a Permitted Transferee of Sponsor.

“Stockholder” has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

“Stockholder Indemnified Party” has the meaning set forth in Section 5(a).

“Subscription Agreement” has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

“Subsequent Registration Statement” means a new registration statement for an offering to be made on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415.

“Trading Day” means a day on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted and traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market.

“Underwriter” means a securities dealer who purchases any Registrable Securities as principal in an Underwritten Offering and not as part of such dealer’s market-making activities.

“Underwritten Offering” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(e)(i).

“Underwritten Shelf Takedown” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(e)(i).

“Withdrawal Notice” has the meaning set forth in Section 2(e)(iii).

2. REGISTRATION RIGHTS

(a) Registration Statements

(i) As soon as practicable following the Effective Date but no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the Effective Date (the “**Filing Deadline**”), the Company shall submit to or file with the SEC a Registration Statement registering the resale of all of the Registrable Securities (determined as of two (2) Business Days prior to such submission or filing) for an offering to be made on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 promulgated under the 1933 Act (“**Rule 415**”) or, if Rule 415 is not available for offers and sales of the Registrable Securities, by such other form of registration statement as is then available to effect a registration for resale of such Registrable Securities (the “**Initial Registration Statement**”). The Initial Registration Statement shall be on Form S-1; provided, however, that no Stockholder shall be named as an Underwriter in such Registration Statement without the Stockholder’s prior written consent. The Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to convert or replace the Initial Registration Statement with a Registration Statement on Form S-3 promptly following confirmation that the Company has become eligible to use Form S-3 to register the Registrable Securities.

(ii) Such Registration Statement also shall cover, to the extent allowable under the 1933 Act and the rules promulgated thereunder (including Rule 416), such indeterminate number of additional shares of Common Stock resulting from stock splits, stock combinations, stock dividends or similar transactions with respect to the Registrable Securities. Such Registration Statement (and each amendment or supplement thereto, and each request for acceleration of effectiveness thereof) shall be provided in accordance with Section 3(c) to the Stockholders prior to its filing or other submission.

(iii) If the Initial Registration Statement ceases to be effective under the 1933 Act for any reason at any time while Registrable Securities are still outstanding, the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to as promptly as is reasonably practicable to cause such Initial Registration Statement to again become effective under the 1933 Act or file a Subsequent Registration Statement registering the resale of all Registrable Securities (determined as of two (2) business days prior to such filing) pursuant to any method or combination of methods legally available to the Company. Any Subsequent Registration Statement shall be an automatic shelf registration statement (as defined in Rule 405 promulgated under the 1933 Act) if the Company is a well-known seasoned issuer (as defined in Rule 405 promulgated under the 1933 Act) at the most recent applicable eligibility determination date, and shall be on Form S-3 to the extent that the Company is eligible to use such form.

(b) Expenses. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the Company will pay all expenses associated with each Registration Statement, including filing and printing fees, the fees and expenses of the Company’s counsel and accounting fees and expenses, costs associated with clearing the Registrable Securities for sale under applicable state securities laws and listing fees, but excluding discounts, commissions, fees of Underwriters, selling brokers, dealer managers or similar securities industry professionals with respect to the Registrable Securities being sold.

(c) Effectiveness.

(i) The Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to have each Registration Statement declared effective as soon as practicable after the filing thereof, but no later than the earlier of (i) the ninetieth (90th) calendar day following the filing date thereof if the SEC notifies the Company that it will “review” the Registration Statement and (ii) the tenth (10th) Business Day after the date the Company is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the SEC that the Registration Statement will not be “reviewed” or will not be subject to further review. The Company shall notify the Stockholders as promptly as practicable after the Registration Statement is declared effective and shall simultaneously or prior thereto file with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) promulgated under the 1933 Act, and provide the Stockholders with copies of, any related Prospectus to be used in connection with the sale or other disposition of the securities covered thereby.

(ii) The Company shall maintain the Initial Registration Statement and any Subsequent Registration Statement in accordance with the terms hereof, and shall prepare and file with the SEC such amendments, including post-effective amendments, and supplements as may be necessary to keep the Initial Registration Statement and any Subsequent Registration Statement continuously effective, available for use to permit the Stockholders named therein to sell their Registrable Securities included therein and in compliance with the provisions of the 1933 Act until such time as there are no longer any Registrable Securities.

(iii) In the event that any Stockholder holds Registrable Securities that are not registered for resale on a delayed or continuous basis, the Company, upon written request of such Stockholder, shall promptly use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the resale of such Registrable Securities to be covered by either, at the Company's option, any then available Registration Statement (including by means of a post-effective amendment) or by filing a Subsequent Registration Statement and causing the same to become effective as soon as reasonably practicable after such filing and such Subsequent Registration Statement shall be subject to the terms hereof.

(iv) For not more than ninety (90) consecutive days or for a total of not more than one-hundred twenty (120) days, in each case, in any twelve (12) month period, the Company may suspend the filing, initial effectiveness or continued use of any Registration Statement in respect of any Registration contemplated by this Section 2 in the event that the Company determines in good faith that such suspension is necessary to (A) delay the disclosure of material non-public information concerning the Company, the disclosure of which at the time is not, in the good faith opinion of the Company, in the best interests of the Company; (B) amend or supplement the affected Registration Statement or the related Prospectus so that such Registration Statement or Prospectus shall not include any Misstatement; or (C) require the inclusion in such Registration Statement of financial statements that are unavailable to the Company for reasons beyond the Company's control (each, an "Allowed Delay"); provided that the Company shall promptly (1) notify each Stockholder in writing of the commencement of an Allowed Delay, but shall not (without the prior written consent of a Stockholder) disclose to such Stockholder any material non-public information giving rise to an Allowed Delay, (2) advise the Stockholders in writing to cease all sales under such Registration Statement until the end of the Allowed Delay (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, any sale pursuant to Rule 144 or other applicable exemption under the 1933 Act) and (3) use commercially reasonable efforts to terminate an Allowed Delay as promptly as reasonably practicable.

(d) Rule 415; Cutback. If at any time the SEC takes the position that the offering of some or all of the Registrable Securities in a Registration Statement is not eligible to be made on a delayed or continuous basis under the provisions of Rule 415 or requires any Stockholder to be named as an Underwriter, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to persuade the SEC that the offering contemplated by such Registration Statement is a valid secondary offering and not an offering "by or on behalf of the issuer" as defined in Rule 415 and that none of the Stockholders is an Underwriter. The Stockholders shall have the right to select one legal counsel to review any registration or matters pursuant to this Section 2(d). In the event that, despite the Company's commercially reasonable efforts and compliance with the terms of this Section 2(d), the SEC refuses to alter its position, the Company shall (i) remove from such Registration Statement such portion of the Registrable Securities (the "Cut Back Shares") and/or (ii) agree to such restrictions and limitations on the registration and resale of the Registrable Securities as the SEC may require to assure the Company's compliance with the requirements of Rule 415 (collectively, the "SEC Restrictions"); provided, however, that the Company shall not agree to name any Stockholder as an Underwriter in such Registration Statement without the prior written consent of such Stockholder. Any cut-back imposed on the Stockholders pursuant to this Section 2(d) shall be allocated among the Stockholders on a *pro rata* basis and shall be applied first to any of the Registrable Securities of such Stockholder as such Stockholder shall designate, unless the SEC Restrictions otherwise require or provide or the Required Stockholders and Sponsor otherwise agree. From and after the first date on which the Company is able to effect the registration of such Cut Back Shares (such date, the "Restriction Termination Date"), all of the provisions of this Section 2 (including the Company's obligations with respect to the submission or filing of a Registration Statement and its obligations to use commercially reasonable efforts to have such Registration Statement declared effective within the time periods set forth herein) shall again be applicable to such Cut Back Shares; provided, however, that (i) the Filing Deadline for such Registration Statement including such Cut Back Shares shall be ten (10) Business Days after the Restriction Termination Date, and (ii) the date by which the Company is required to obtain effectiveness with respect to such Cut Back Shares under Section 2(c) shall be the earlier of (i) the ninetieth (90th) calendar day following the filing date thereof if the SEC notifies the Company that it will "review" the Registration Statement and (ii) the tenth (10th) Business Day after the date the Company is notified (orally or in writing, whichever is earlier) by the SEC that the Registration Statement will not be "reviewed" or will not be subject to further review.

(e) Underwritten Offerings.

(i) Requests for Underwritten Shelf Takedowns. Subject to the provisions of: (A) Section 6(a), with respect to any Lock-up Party and (B) any existing lock-up arrangement then in effect, with respect to any other Stockholder, at any time and from time to time when an effective Registration Statement is on file with the SEC, a Stockholder may make a written demand (a “**Demand**”, and such Stockholder, a “**Demanding Stockholder**”) to sell all or any portion of its Registrable Securities in a firm commitment underwritten offering (an “**Underwritten Offering**”) that is registered pursuant to the applicable Registration Statement (each, an “**Underwritten Shelf Takedown**”), to be effected by the Company as soon as reasonably practicable; provided that the Company shall only be obligated to effect an Underwritten Shelf Takedown if such Underwritten Shelf Takedown shall include Registrable Securities proposed to be sold by the Demanding Stockholders, either individually or together with other Demanding Stockholders, with a total offering price reasonably expected to exceed, in the aggregate, \$25 million (the “**Minimum Takedown Threshold**”). All requests for Underwritten Shelf Takedowns shall be made by giving written notice to the Company, which shall specify the approximate number of Registrable Securities proposed to be sold in the Underwritten Shelf Takedown and the expected price range of such Underwritten Shelf Takedown. A majority-in-interest of the Stockholders initiating the Demand and the Company shall have the right to jointly select the Underwriters for such Underwritten Shelf Takedown (which shall consist of one or more reputable nationally recognized investment banks). The Sponsor and the Dragonfly Stockholders may each demand not more than one (1) Underwritten Shelf Take-Down in any twelve (12) month period, for an aggregate of not more than two (2) Underwritten Shelf Take-Downs in any twelve (12) month period. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Company may effect any Underwritten Shelf Takedown pursuant to any then effective Registration Statement, including a Form S-1 or a Form S-3, that is then available for such Underwritten Shelf Takedown.

(ii) Reduction of Underwritten Offering. If the managing Underwriter or Underwriters for a Demand, in good faith, advises the Company, the Demanding Stockholders and the Requesting Stockholders (if any) that the dollar amount or number of shares of Registrable Securities which the Demanding Stockholders and Requesting Stockholders (if any) desire to sell, taken together with all other shares of Common Stock or other equity securities which the Company desires to sell and the shares of Common Stock or other equity securities, if any, as to which Underwritten Offering has been requested pursuant to separate written contractual piggy-back registration rights held by any other stockholders of the Company who desire to sell, exceeds the maximum dollar amount or maximum number of equity securities that can be sold in such Underwritten Offering without adversely affecting the proposed offering price, the timing, the distribution method, or the probability of success of such offering (such maximum dollar amount or maximum number of securities, as applicable, the “**Maximum Number of Shares**”), then the Company shall include in such Underwritten Offering the following securities in the following order of priority: (i) the Registrable Securities as to which an Underwritten Shelf Takedown has been requested by the Demanding Stockholders on a *pro rata* basis that can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Number of Shares; (ii) to the extent that the Maximum Number of Shares has not been reached under the foregoing clause (i), the Registrable Securities as to which an Underwritten Shelf Takedown has been requested by the Requesting Stockholders (if any) on a *pro rata* basis that can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Number of Shares; (iii) any shares of Common Stock or other equity securities proposed to be sold by Company, which can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Number of Shares; and (iv) to the extent that the Maximum Number of Shares have not been reached under the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), the shares of Common Stock or other securities for the account of other persons that the Company is obligated to Register pursuant to separate written contractual arrangements of persons or entities other than the Holders of Registrable Securities hereunder, which can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Number of Shares.

(iii) Withdrawal. Prior to the filing of the applicable “red herring” prospectus or prospectus supplement used for marketing such Underwritten Shelf Takedown, a majority-in-interest of the Demanding Stockholders initiating the Underwritten Shelf Takedown shall have the right to withdraw from such offering for any or no reason whatsoever upon written notification (a “**Withdrawal Notice**”) to the Company and the Underwriter or Underwriters (if any) of their intention to withdraw; provided that the Sponsor or the Dragonfly Stockholders may elect to have the Company continue an Underwritten

Shelf Takedown if the Minimum Takedown Threshold would still be satisfied by the Registrable Securities proposed to be sold in the Underwritten Shelf Takedown by the Sponsor or the Dragonfly Stockholders, as applicable (including their Permitted Transferees). If withdrawn, a demand for an Underwritten Shelf Takedown shall constitute a demand for an Underwritten Shelf Takedown by the withdrawing Demanding Stockholder for purposes of Section 2(e)(i), unless such Demanding Stockholder reimburses the Company for all Registration Expenses with respect to such Underwritten Shelf Takedown (or, if there is more than one Demanding Stockholder, a pro rata portion of such Registration Expenses based on the respective number of Registrable Securities that each Demanding Stockholder has requested be included in such Underwritten Shelf Takedown); provided that, if the Sponsor or such Dragonfly Stockholders, as applicable, elects to continue an Underwritten Shelf Takedown pursuant to the proviso in the immediately preceding sentence, such Underwritten Shelf Takedown shall instead count as an Underwritten Shelf Takedown demanded by the Sponsor or such Dragonfly Stockholders, as applicable, for purposes of Section 2(e)(i). Following the receipt of any Withdrawal Notice, the Company shall promptly forward such Withdrawal Notice to any other Stockholders that had elected to participate in such Underwritten Shelf Takedown. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Company shall be responsible for the Registration Expenses incurred in connection with an Underwritten Shelf Takedown prior to its withdrawal under this Section 2(e)(iii), other than if a Demanding Stockholder elects to pay the Registration Expenses with respect to an Underwritten Shelf Takedown pursuant to clause (ii) of the second sentence of this Section 2(e)(iii).

(f) Piggy-Back Registration.

(i) Piggy-Back Rights. If at any time, the Company proposes to conduct a registered offering of, or if the Company proposes to file a Registration Statement under the 1933 Act with respect to the Registration of, equity securities, or securities or other obligations exercisable or exchangeable for, or convertible into, equity securities, by the Company for its own account or for stockholders of the Company for their account (including, without limitation, pursuant to Section 2(e)), other than a Registration Statement (or any registered offering with respect thereto) (i) filed in connection with any employee stock option or other benefit plan, (ii) for an exchange offer or offering of securities solely to the Company's existing stockholders, (iii) for an offering solely of debt that is convertible into equity securities of the Company, (iv) for a dividend reinvestment plan, (v) for a Block Trade, (vi) for an Other Coordinated Offering or (vii) that is the Equity Facility Form S-1 (as defined in the Merger Agreement), then the Company shall (x) give written notice of such proposed filing to the holders of Registrable Securities as soon as practicable but in no event less than ten (10) days before the anticipated filing date of such Registration Statement or, in the case of an Underwritten Shelf Takedown, the applicable "red herring" prospectus or prospectus supplement used for marketing such offering, which notice shall describe the amount and type of securities to be included in such offering, the intended method(s) of distribution, and the name of the proposed managing Underwriter or Underwriters, if any, of the offering, and (y) offer to the holders of Registrable Securities in such notice the opportunity to Register the sale of such number of shares of Registrable Securities as such holders may request in writing within five (5) days following receipt of such notice (a "**Piggy-Back Registration**"). Subject to Section 2(f)(ii), the Company shall, in good faith, cause such Registrable Securities to be included in such Piggy-Back Registration and, if applicable, shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the managing Underwriter or Underwriters of such Piggy-Back Registration to permit the Registrable Securities requested by the holders pursuant to this Section 2(f)(i) to be included therein on the same terms and conditions as any similar securities included in such registered offering of the Company and to permit the sale or other disposition of such Registrable Securities in accordance with the intended method(s) of distribution thereof. All holders of Registrable Securities proposing to distribute their securities through a Piggy-Back Registration that involves an Underwriter or Underwriters shall enter into an underwriting agreement in customary form with the Underwriter or Underwriters selected for such Underwritten Offering.

(ii) Reduction of Piggy-Back Registration. If the managing Underwriter or Underwriters in an Underwritten Offering that is to be a Piggy-Back Registration advises the Company and the Holders of Registrable Securities participating in the Piggy-Back Registration that the dollar amount or number of shares of Common Stock or other equity securities which the Company desires to sell, taken together with shares of Common Stock or other equity securities, if any, as to which such Underwritten Offering

has been demanded pursuant to separate written contractual arrangements with persons or entities other than the Holders of Registrable Securities hereunder, the Registrable Securities as to which such Underwritten Offering has been requested under this Section 2(f), and the shares of Common Stock or other equity securities, if any, as to which such Underwritten Offering has been requested pursuant to separate written contractual piggy-back registration rights of persons or entities other than the Holders of Registrable Securities hereunder, exceeds the Maximum Number of Shares, then the Company shall include in any such Registration or registered offering:

(1) If the Registration is undertaken for the Company's account: (A) the shares of Common Stock or other securities that the Company desires to sell for its own account that can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Number of Shares; (B) to the extent that the Maximum Number of Shares has not been reached under the foregoing clause (A), the shares of Common Stock or other securities, if any, comprised of Registrable Securities, as to which Registration has been requested pursuant to the applicable written contractual Piggy-Back Registration rights of the Stockholders pursuant to Section 2(f)(i), on a *pro rata* basis, that can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Number of Shares; and (C) to the extent that the Maximum Number of Shares has not been reached under the foregoing clauses (A) and (B), the shares of Common Stock or other securities for the account of other persons that the Company is obligated to Register pursuant to separate written contractual piggy-back registration rights of persons or entities other than the Holders of Registrable Securities hereunder, which can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Number of Shares;

(2) If the Registration or registered offering is a "demand" registration undertaken at the demand of persons or entities other than the Holders of Registrable Securities, (A) the shares of Common Stock or other securities for the account of the demanding persons that can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Number of Shares; (B) to the extent that the Maximum Number of Shares has not been reached under the foregoing clause (A), the shares of Common Stock or other securities, if any, comprised of Registrable Securities, as to which Registration has been requested pursuant to the applicable written contractual Piggy-Back Registration rights of Holders under Section 2(f)(i), on a *pro rata* basis, that can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Number of Shares; (C) to the extent that the Maximum Number of Shares has not been reached under the foregoing clauses (A) and (B), the shares of Common Stock or other securities that the Company desires to sell for its own account that can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Number of Shares; and (D) to the extent that the Maximum Number of Shares has not been reached under the foregoing clauses (A), (B) and (C), the shares of Common Stock or other securities for the account of other persons that the Company is obligated to Register pursuant to separate written contractual piggy-back registration rights of persons or entities other than the Holders of Registrable Securities hereunder, that can be sold without exceeding the Maximum Number of Shares; and

(3) If the Registration or registered offering and Underwritten Shelf Takedown is pursuant to a request by a Stockholder pursuant to Section 2(e)(i) hereof, then the Company shall include in any such Registration or registered offering securities in the priority set forth in Section 2(e)(ii).

(iii) Unlimited Piggy-Back Registration Rights. For purposes of clarity, any Registration effected pursuant to this Section 2(f) shall not be counted as a Registration pursuant to a Demand effected under Section 2(e) hereof.

(iv) Piggyback Registration Withdrawal. Any Holder of Registrable Securities (other than a Demanding Stockholder, whose right to withdraw from an Underwritten Shelf Takedown, and related obligations, shall be governed by Section 2(e)(iii)) shall have the right to withdraw from a Piggyback Registration for any or no reason whatsoever upon written notification to the Company and the Underwriter or Underwriters (if any) of his, her or its intention to withdraw from such Piggyback Registration prior to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement filed with the SEC with respect to such Piggyback Registration or, in the case of a Piggyback Registration pursuant to an Underwritten Shelf Takedown, the filing of the applicable "red herring" prospectus or prospectus supplement with respect to such Piggyback Registration used for marketing such transaction upon no less than three (3) days' notice to the Company. The Company (whether on its own good faith determination or as the result of a request for withdrawal by persons or entities pursuant to separate written contractual obligations) may withdraw a Registration Statement filed with the SEC in connection with a Piggyback

Registration (which, in no circumstance, shall include the Initial Registration Statement or any Subsequent Registration Statement) at any time prior to the effectiveness of such Registration Statement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement (other than Section 2(e)(iii)), the Company shall be responsible for the Registration Expenses incurred in connection with the Piggyback Registration prior to its withdrawal under this Section 2(f)(iv).

(g) Block Trades; Other Coordinated Offerings.

(i) Subject to Section 2(c)(iv), at any time and from time to time when an effective Registration Statement is on file with the SEC, if a Stockholder wishes to engage in (a) a Block Trade or (b) an “at the market” or similar registered offering through a broker, sales agent or distribution agent, whether as agent or principal (an “**Other Coordinated Offering**”), in each case, (x) with a total offering price reasonably expected to exceed \$20 million in the aggregate or (y) with respect to all remaining Registrable Securities held by the Stockholder, then such Stockholder only needs to notify the Company of the Block Trade or Other Coordinated Offering at least two (2) business days prior to the day such offering is to commence and the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to facilitate such Block Trade or Other Coordinated Offering; provided that the Stockholders representing a majority of the Registrable Securities wishing to engage in the Block Trade or Other Coordinated Offering shall use commercially reasonable efforts to work with the Company and any Underwriters, brokers, sales agents or placement agents prior to making such request in order to facilitate preparation of the registration statement, prospectus and other offering documentation related to the Block Trade or Other Coordinated Offering.

(ii) Prior to the filing of the applicable “red herring” prospectus or prospectus supplement used in connection with a Block Trade or Other Coordinated Offering, a majority-in-interest of the Stockholders initiating such Block Trade or Other Coordinated Offering shall have the right to submit a Withdrawal Notice to the Company, the Underwriter or Underwriters (if any) and any brokers, sales agents or placement agents (if any) of their intention to withdraw from such Block Trade or Other Coordinated Offering. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Company shall be responsible for the Registration Expenses incurred in connection with a Block Trade or Other Coordinated Offering prior to its withdrawal under this Section 2(g)(ii).

(iii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Section 2(f) shall not apply to a Block Trade or Other Coordinated Offering initiated by a Stockholder pursuant to this Agreement.

(iv) The Stockholder in a Block Trade or Other Coordinated Offering shall have the right to select the Underwriters and any brokers, sales agents or placement agents (if any) for such Block Trade or Other Coordinated Offering (in each case, which shall consist of one or more reputable nationally recognized investment banks), subject to the approval of the Company (which shall not be unreasonably withheld).

(v) For the avoidance of doubt, any Block Trade or Other Coordinated Offering effected pursuant to this Section 2(g)(v) shall not be counted as a demand for an Underwritten Shelf Takedown pursuant to Section 2(e)(i) hereof, provided that no more than two Block Trades may be demanded in any twelve-month period.

(h) Statutory Underwriter.

(i) In no event shall any Stockholder be identified as an underwriter in any Registration Statement; provided, that if the SEC requires that a Stockholder be identified as a statutory underwriter in a Registration Statement, the Stockholder will have the option, in its sole and absolute discretion, to either (i) withdraw from the Registration Statement, it being understood that such withdrawal shall not relieve the Company of its obligation to register for resale such Stockholder’s Registrable Securities at a later date or (ii) be included as such in the Registration Statement. In the event that a Stockholder elects to include its Registrable Securities on a Registration Statement in accordance with the foregoing clause (ii), the Company shall provide such Stockholder with a draft of such Registration Statement (and any amendments or supplements thereto) as soon as reasonably practicable, and any disclosures contained therein relating to such Stockholder shall be subject to the approval of such Stockholder (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

3. COMPANY OBLIGATIONS.

In connection with any Registration Statement, Underwritten Offering and/or Underwritten Shelf Takedown, the Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to effect the registration of the Registrable Securities in accordance with the terms hereof and the intended plan of distribution, and pursuant thereto the Company will, as expeditiously as possible:

(a) use commercially reasonable efforts to cause such Registration Statement to become effective and to remain continuously effective for a period that will terminate upon the date on which all Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement cease to be Registrable Securities (the “**Effectiveness Period**”) and advise the Stockholders promptly in writing when the Effectiveness Period has expired;

(b) prepare and file with the SEC such amendments and post-effective amendments to such Registration Statement and the related Prospectus as may be necessary to keep such Registration Statement effective for the Effectiveness Period and to comply with the provisions of the 1933 Act and the 1934 Act with respect to the distribution of all of the Registrable Securities covered thereby;

(c) provide copies to and permit the Stockholders to review each Registration Statement and all amendments and supplements thereto not less than five (5) Trading Days prior to the filing of each Registration Statement and not less than one (1) Trading Day prior to the filing of any related Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto (except for Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K and any similar or successor reports) and provide the Stockholders a reasonable opportunity to comment thereon, and the Company shall consider such comments in good faith before filing any Registration Statement or amendment or supplement thereto;

(d) furnish to each Stockholder whose Registrable Securities are included in any Registration Statement (i) promptly after the same is prepared and filed with the SEC, if requested by the Stockholder, one (1) copy of any Registration Statement and any amendment thereto, each preliminary prospectus and Prospectus and each amendment or supplement thereto, and (ii) such number of copies of a Prospectus, including a preliminary prospectus, and all amendments and supplements thereto and such other documents as each Stockholder may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of the Registrable Securities owned by such Stockholder that are covered by such Registration Statement; provided that the Company shall have no obligation to provide any document pursuant to this clause that is available on the SEC’s EDGAR system;

(e) use commercially reasonable efforts to (i) prevent the issuance of any stop order or other suspension of effectiveness and (ii) if such order is issued, obtain the withdrawal of any such order as soon as practicable;

(f) prior to any public offering of Registrable Securities, use commercially reasonable efforts to register or qualify or cooperate with the Stockholders and their counsel in connection with the registration or qualification of such Registrable Securities for the offer and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions requested by the Stockholders and do any and all other commercially reasonable acts or things necessary or advisable to enable the distribution in such jurisdictions of the Registrable Securities covered by the Registration Statement; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith or as a condition thereto to (i) qualify to do business in any jurisdiction where it would not otherwise be required to qualify but for this Section 3(f), (ii) subject itself to general taxation in any jurisdiction where it would not otherwise be so subject but for this Section 3(f), or (iii) file a general consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction;

(g) use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all Registrable Securities covered by a Registration Statement to be listed on each national securities exchange or other market on which similar securities issued by the Company are then listed;

(h) provide a transfer agent or warrant agent, as applicable, and registrar for all such Registrable Securities no later than the effective date of such Registration Statement;

(i) promptly notify the Stockholders, at any time prior to the end of the Effectiveness Period, upon discovery that, or upon the happening of any event as a result of which, the Prospectus included in the Registration Statement, as then in effect, includes a Misstatement, and promptly prepare, file with the SEC and furnish to such holder a supplement to or an amendment of such Prospectus as may be necessary so that such Prospectus shall not include such Misstatement;

(j) in the event of an Underwritten Offering, an Underwritten Shelf Takedown, a Block Trade, an Other Coordinated Offering, or sale by a broker, placement agent or sales agent pursuant to such Registration, in each of the following cases to the extent customary for a transaction of its type, permit a representative of the Stockholders, the Underwriters or other financial institutions facilitating such Underwritten Offering, Underwritten Shelf Takedown, Block Trade, Other Coordinated Offering or other sale pursuant to such Registration, if any, and any attorney, consultant or accountant retained by such Stockholders or Underwriter to participate, at each such person's or entity's own expense, in the preparation of the Registration Statement, and cause the Company's officers, directors and employees to supply all information reasonably requested by any such representative, Underwriter, financial institution, attorney, consultant or accountant in connection with the Registration; provided, however, that such representatives, Underwriters or financial institutions agree to confidentiality arrangements in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Company, prior to the release or disclosure of any such information;

(k) obtain a "cold comfort" letter from the Company's independent registered public accountants in the event of an Underwritten Offering, an Underwritten Shelf Takedown, a Block Trade, an Other Coordinated Offering or sale by a broker, placement agent or sales agent pursuant to such Registration (subject to such broker, placement agent or sales agent providing such certification or representation reasonably requested by the Company's independent registered public accountants and the Company's counsel) in customary form and covering such matters of the type customarily covered by "cold comfort" letters for a transaction of its type as the managing Underwriter may reasonably request, and reasonably satisfactory to a majority-in-interest of the participating Stockholders;

(l) in the event of an Underwritten Offering, an Underwritten Shelf Takedown, a Block Trade, an Other Coordinated Offering or sale by a broker, placement agent or sales agent pursuant to such Registration, on the date the Registrable Securities are delivered for sale pursuant to such Registration, to the extent customary for a transaction of its type, obtain an opinion, dated such date, of counsel representing the Company for the purposes of such Registration, addressed to the participating Stockholders, the broker, placement agents or sales agent, if any, and the Underwriters, if any, covering such legal matters with respect to the Registration in respect of which such opinion is being given as the participating Stockholders, broker, placement agent, sales agent or Underwriter may reasonably request and as are customarily included in such opinions and negative assurance letters. In the event no legal opinion is delivered to any broker, placement agent, sales agent or Underwriter, the Company shall furnish to each participating Stockholder, at any time that such Stockholder elects to use a prospectus, an opinion of counsel to the Company to the effect that the Registration Statement containing such prospectus has been declared effective and that no stop order is in effect;

(m) in the event of any Underwritten Offering, an Underwritten Shelf Takedown, a Block Trade, an Other Coordinated Offering or sale by a broker, placement agent or sales agent pursuant to such Registration, enter into and perform its obligations under an underwriting or other purchase or sales agreement, in usual and customary form, with the managing Underwriter or the broker, placement agent or sales agent of such offering or sale;

(n) use commercially reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the SEC under the 1933 Act and the 1934 Act, including, without limitation, Rule 172 under the 1933 Act, file any final Prospectus, including any supplement or amendment thereof, with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424 under the 1933 Act, promptly inform the Stockholders in writing if, at any time during the Effectiveness Period, the Company does not satisfy the conditions specified in Rule 172 and, as a result thereof, the Stockholders are required to deliver a Prospectus in connection with any disposition of Registrable Securities and take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to facilitate the registration of the Registrable Securities hereunder; and make available to its security holders, as soon as reasonably practicable, but not later than the Availability Date (as defined below), an earnings statement covering a period of at least twelve (12) months, beginning after the effective date of each Registration Statement, which earnings statement shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act, including Rule 158 promulgated thereunder (for the purpose of this Section 3(n), "**Availability Date**" means the 45th day following the end of the fourth fiscal quarter that includes the effective date of such Registration Statement, except that, if such fourth fiscal quarter is the last quarter of the Company's fiscal year, "**Availability Date**" means the ninetieth (90th) day after the end of such fourth fiscal quarter);

(o) with respect to an Underwritten Offering or an Underwritten Shelf Takedown, use its commercially reasonable efforts to make available senior executives of the Company to participate in customary “road show” presentations that may be reasonably requested by the Underwriter in such Underwritten Offering or Underwritten Shelf Takedown, as applicable; and

(p) otherwise, in good faith, cooperate reasonably with, and take such customary actions as may reasonably be requested by the participating Stockholders, consistent with the terms of this Agreement, in connection with such Registration.

With a view to making available to the Stockholders the benefits of Rule 144 and any other rule or regulation of the SEC that may at any time permit the Stockholders to sell shares of Common Stock to the public without registration, the Company covenants and agrees to: (i) make and keep public information available, as those terms are understood and defined in Rule 144, until the earlier of (A) six (6) months after such date as all of the Registrable Securities may be sold without restriction by the holders thereof pursuant to Rule 144 or any other rule of similar effect and (B) such date as all of the Registrable Securities shall have been resold pursuant to a Registration Statement or Rule 144; (ii) file with the SEC in a timely manner all reports and other documents required of the Company under the 1934 Act; (iii) prior to the filing of any Registration Statement or any amendment thereto (whether pre-effective or post-effective) and prior to the filing of any Prospectus, provide to each Stockholder copies of all pages thereof (if any) that reference such Stockholders, and (iv) furnish to each Stockholder upon request, as long as such Stockholder owns any Registrable Securities, a written statement by the Company that it has complied with the reporting requirements of the 1934 Act.

4. OBLIGATION OF THE INVESTORS.

(a) Each Stockholder agrees to furnish to the Company a completed Selling Stockholder Questionnaire within ten (10) Trading Days after the Effective Date. At least ten (10) Trading Days prior to the first anticipated filing date of a Registration Statement for any registration under this Agreement, the Company will notify each Stockholder of the information the Company reasonably requires from that Stockholder regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it and the intended method of disposition of the Registrable Securities held by it, other than the information contained in the Selling Stockholder Questionnaire, if any. Each Stockholder shall furnish such information to the Company in writing promptly upon receiving such notification and, in any event, at least three (3) Trading Days prior to the applicable anticipated filing date (unless such Stockholder has notified the Company in writing of its election to exclude all of its Registrable Securities from such Registration Statement) and shall execute such documents in connection with such registration as the Company may reasonably request. Each Stockholder further agrees that it shall not be entitled to be named as a selling securityholder in the Registration Statement or use the Prospectus for offers and resales of Registrable Securities at any time, unless such Stockholder has returned to the Company a completed and signed Selling Stockholder Questionnaire and a response to any reasonable requests for further information as described in the previous sentence. If a Stockholder returns a Selling Stockholder Questionnaire or a request for further information, in either case, after its respective deadline, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to take such actions as are required to name such Stockholder as a selling security holder in the Registration Statement or any pre-effective or post-effective amendment thereto and to include (to the extent not theretofore included) in the Registration Statement the Registrable Securities identified in such late Selling Stockholder Questionnaire or request for further information. Each Stockholder acknowledges and agrees that the information in the Selling Stockholder Questionnaire or request for further information as described in this Section 4(a) will be used by the Company in the preparation of the Registration Statement and hereby consents to the inclusion of such information in the Registration Statement.

(b) Each Stockholder, by its acceptance of the Registrable Securities, agrees to cooperate with the Company as reasonably requested by the Company in connection with the preparation and filing of a Registration Statement or in connection with any Underwritten Offering hereunder, unless such Stockholder has notified the Company in writing of its election to exclude all of its Registrable Securities from such Registration Statement or such Underwritten Offering.

(c) Each Stockholder agrees that, upon receipt of any notice from the Company of either (i) the commencement of an Allowed Delay pursuant to Section 2(c)(i), or (ii) the happening of an event pursuant to Section 3(i) hereof, such Stockholder will immediately discontinue disposition of Registrable Securities

pursuant to any Registration Statement covering such Registrable Securities (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, pursuant to Rule 144 or other applicable exemption under the 1933 Act), until the Stockholder is advised by the Company that such dispositions may again be made pursuant to such Registration Statement.

(d) Each Stockholder covenants and agrees that it will comply with the prospectus delivery requirements of the 1933 Act as applicable to it or an exemption therefrom in connection with sales of Registrable Securities pursuant to any Registration Statement.

5. INDEMNIFICATION.

(a) Indemnification by the Company. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Stockholder, and each of its officers, employees, Affiliates, directors, partners, members, managers, equityholders, attorneys, advisors and agents, and each person or entity, if any, who controls (within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act) each Stockholder (each, a “**Stockholder Indemnified Party**”), to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any expenses, losses, judgments, actions, claims, proceedings (whether commenced or threatened), damages, liabilities or costs (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys’ fees) (collectively, “**Losses**”), as incurred, arising out of or based upon any Misstatement contained in any Registration Statement under which the sale of such Registrable Securities was registered under the 1933 Act, any preliminary Prospectus, final Prospectus or summary Prospectus contained in such Registration Statement, any amendment or supplement to such Registration Statement, preliminary Prospectus, final Prospectus or summary Prospectus, or any free writing prospectus relating to such Registration Statement, or any violation by the Company of the 1933 Act or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder applicable to the Company or any state securities (or Blue Sky) law, rule or regulation and relating to action or inaction required of the Company in connection with any such Registration; and the Company shall promptly reimburse the Stockholder Indemnified Party for any reasonable, customary and documented out-of-pocket legal and any other expenses reasonably incurred, as incurred, by such Stockholder Indemnified Party in connection with investigating and defending any such Losses, except, with respect to any Stockholder of Registrable Securities, to the extent such Stockholder is liable to indemnify the Company for such Losses pursuant to Section 5(b); provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 5(a) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any claim or proceeding if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, and the Company will not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such losses, judgments, claims, damages, liabilities or out-of-pocket expenses arises out of or is based upon any Misstatement made in such Registration Statement in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company, in writing, by a Stockholder Indemnified Party expressly for use therein.

(b) Indemnification by Stockholders. Each Selling Stockholder will, in the event that any Registration of any Registrable Securities held by such Stockholder is being effected under the 1933 Act pursuant to this Agreement and the Company has required all Selling Stockholders to provide such an undertaking on the same terms, indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each of its directors and officers and each Underwriter (if any), and each other Selling Stockholder and each other person, if any, who controls another Selling Stockholder or such underwriter within the meaning of the 1933 Act, against any Losses, insofar as such Losses arise out of or are based upon any Misstatement contained in any Registration Statement under which the sale of such Registrable Securities was Registered under the 1933 Act, any preliminary Prospectus, final Prospectus or summary Prospectus contained in the Registration Statement, or any amendment or supplement thereto, if the Misstatement was made (or not made, in the case of an omission) in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by or on behalf of such Selling Stockholder expressly for use therein, and shall reimburse the Company, its directors and officers, and each other Selling Stockholder for any reasonable, customary and documented out-of-pocket legal or other expenses incurred by any of them in connection with investigation or defending any such Loss. Each Selling Stockholder’s indemnification obligations hereunder shall be several, and not joint and several, and shall be proportional to and limited to the amount of any net proceeds (after payment of any underwriting fees, discounts, commissions or taxes) actually received by such Selling Stockholder pursuant to such Registration Statement from which such Losses arise, except in the case of fraud or willful misconduct by such Selling Stockholder.

(c) Conduct of Indemnification Proceedings. Promptly after receipt by any person of any notice of any Loss in respect of which indemnity may be sought pursuant to Section 5(a) or 5(b), such person (the

“Indemnified Party”) shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any other person for indemnification hereunder, notify such other person (the “Indemnifying Party”) in writing of the Loss; provided, however, that the failure by the Indemnified Party to promptly notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party from any liability which the Indemnifying Party may have to such Indemnified Party hereunder, except and solely to the extent the Indemnifying Party is actually and materially prejudiced by such failure. If the Indemnified Party is seeking indemnification with respect to any claim or action brought against the Indemnified Party, then the Indemnifying Party shall be entitled to participate in such claim or action, and, to the extent that it wishes, jointly with all other Indemnifying Parties, to assume control of the defense thereof with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Party. After notice from the Indemnifying Party to the Indemnified Party of its election to assume control of the defense of such claim or action, the Indemnifying Party shall not be liable to the Indemnified Party for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by the Indemnified Party in connection with the defense thereof; provided, however, that in any action in which both the Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party are named as defendants, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ separate counsel (but no more than one such separate counsel, in addition to local counsel) to represent the Indemnified Party and its controlling persons who may be subject to liability arising out of any claim in respect of which indemnity may be sought by the Indemnified Party against the Indemnifying Party, with the reasonable and documented fees and expenses of such counsel to be paid by such Indemnifying Party if, based upon the opinion of counsel of such Indemnified Party, representation of both parties by the same counsel would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between them. No Indemnifying Party shall, without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party, consent to entry of judgment or effect any settlement of any claim or pending or threatened proceeding in respect of any Losses for which the Indemnified Party seeks indemnification hereunder if such settlement or judgment includes any non-monetary remedies binding on the Indemnified Party, requires an admission of fault or culpability on the part of the Indemnified Party or does not include an unconditional release from all liability of the Indemnified Party in respect of such Losses.

(d) Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in the foregoing Sections 5(a) and 5(b) is unavailable to any Indemnified Party in respect of any Loss referred to herein, then each such Indemnifying Party, in lieu of indemnifying such Indemnified Party, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Party as a result of such Loss in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the Indemnified Parties and the Indemnifying Parties in connection with the actions or omissions which resulted in such Loss, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of any Indemnified Party and any Indemnifying Party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the Misstatement relates to information supplied by such Indemnified Party or such Indemnifying Party (in the case of a Stockholder, such Misstatement was made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by such Stockholder expressly for use therein) and the parties’ relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such Misstatement. The parties hereto agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 5(d) were determined by *pro rata* allocation or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in this Section 5(d). The amount paid or payable by an Indemnified Party as a result of any Loss referred to in this paragraph shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Indemnified Party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 5(d), no Stockholder shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the dollar amount of the net proceeds (after payment of any underwriting fees, discounts, commissions or taxes) actually received by such Stockholder from the sale of Registrable Securities which gave rise to such contribution obligation, less the aggregate amount of any damages or other amounts such Stockholder has otherwise been required to pay (pursuant to Section 5(b) otherwise) as a result of the Misstatement. No person or entity guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person or entity who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

6. LOCK-UP

(a) Lock-Up. Subject to Section 6(b), each Lock-up Party agrees that it shall not Transfer any Lock-up Shares prior to the end of the Lock-up Period (the “**Lock-up**”).

(b) Permitted Transferees. Notwithstanding the provisions set forth in Section 6(a), each Lock-up Party may Transfer the Lock-up Shares during the Lock-up Period (a) to (i) the Company’s officers or directors, (ii) any affiliates or family members of the Company’s officers or directors, (iii) any direct or indirect partners, members or equity holders of such Lock-up Party, or any related investment funds or vehicles controlled or managed by such persons or entities or their respective affiliates, or (iv) any other Lock-up Party or any direct or indirect partners, members or equity holders of such other Lock-up Party, any affiliates of such other Lock-up Party or any related investment funds or vehicles controlled or managed by such persons or entities or their respective affiliates; (b) in the case of an individual, by gift to a member of the individual’s immediate family or to a trust, the beneficiary of which is a member of the individual’s immediate family or an affiliate of such person or entity, or to a charitable organization; (c) in the case of an individual, by virtue of laws of descent and distribution upon death of the individual; (d) in the case of an individual, pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order; (e) to the partners, members or equity holders of such Lock-up Party by virtue of the Lock-up Party’s organizational documents, as amended, upon dissolution of the Lock-up Party; (f) in connection with any bona fide mortgage, encumbrance or pledge to a financial institution in connection with any bona fide loan or debt transaction or enforcement thereunder; (g) to the Company; or (h) in connection with a liquidation, merger, stock exchange, reorganization, tender offer approved by the Company’s board of directors or a duly authorized committee thereof or other similar transaction which results in all of the Company’s stockholders having the right to exchange their shares of Common Stock for cash, securities or other property subsequent to the Closing Date. The parties acknowledge and agree that any Permitted Transferee of a Lock-up Party shall be subject to the transfer restrictions set forth in this ARTICLE 6 with respect to the Lock-Up Shares upon and after acquiring such Lock-Up Shares.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Effective Date. This Agreement shall be effective as of the Effective Date.

(b) Amendments and Waivers. Compliance with any of the provisions, covenants and conditions set forth in this Agreement may be waived, or any of such provisions, covenants or conditions may be amended or modified only by a writing signed by the Company, the Required Stockholders and Sponsor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may not be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may not be waived with respect to any Stockholder without the written consent of such Stockholder unless such amendment or waiver applies to all Stockholders in the same fashion.

(c) Notices. Any notices, consents, waivers or other communications required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed to have been delivered upon receipt, when delivered personally or by a nationally recognized overnight delivery service or by e-mail, in each case properly addressed to the party to receive the same. The addresses for such communications shall be:

If to the Company:

Dragonfly Energy Corp.
1190 Trademark Drive #108
Reno, Nevada 89521
Attention: General Counsel
Email: legal@dragonflyenergy.com

If to any Stockholder, to it at the address set forth under such Stockholder’s name on its signature page hereto, or, in the case of a Stockholder or any other party named above, at such other address or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by written notice given to each other party five (5) days prior to the effectiveness of such change. Written confirmation of receipt (i) given by the recipient of such notice, consent, waiver or other communication; (ii) provided by affidavit of personal delivery by a delivery service selected by the Company; or (iii) provided by a nationally recognized overnight delivery service shall be rebuttable evidence of personal service, deposit with a nationally recognized overnight delivery service or electronic transmission.

(d) Assignments and Transfers by Stockholders.

(i) The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Stockholders and their respective successors and assigns. A Stockholder may transfer or assign, in whole or from time to time in part, to such Stockholder's Permitted Transferees its rights hereunder in connection with the transfer of Registrable Securities by such Stockholder to such Permitted Transferee; provided that such Stockholder complies with all laws applicable thereto or the terms of any contract to which such Stockholder is a party, and provides written notice of assignment to the Company promptly after such assignment is effected, and such person agrees in writing to be bound by all of the provisions contained herein.

(ii) For the avoidance of doubt, the Sponsor shall be permitted to transfer any of its rights hereunder to one or more affiliates or any direct or indirect partners, members or equity holders of the Sponsor, including a transfer of its rights in connection with a distribution of any Registrable Securities held by Sponsor to the Sponsor Members (it being understood that no such transfer shall reduce or multiply any rights of the Sponsor or such transferees). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, upon a transfer by the Sponsor pursuant to this Section 7(d) to the Sponsor Members, the rights that are personal to the Sponsor shall be exercised by the Sponsor Members only with the consent of the Sponsor Managers.

(e) Assignments and Transfers by the Company. This Agreement may not be assigned by the Company (whether by operation of law or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the Required Stockholders and Sponsor; provided, however, that in the event that the Company is a party to a merger, consolidation, share exchange or similar business combination transaction in which the Common Stock is converted into the equity securities of another Person, from and after the effective time of such transaction, such Person shall, by virtue of such transaction, be deemed to have assumed the obligations of the Company hereunder, the term "**Company**" shall be deemed to refer to such Person and the term "**Registrable Securities**" shall be deemed to include the securities received by the Stockholders in connection with such transaction unless such securities are otherwise freely tradable by the Stockholders after giving effect to such transaction.

(f) Other Registration Rights. Other than as provided in (i) the Warrant Agreement, dated as of August 10, 2021, between the Company and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company and (ii) the Equity Facility Definitive Documentation (as defined in the Merger Agreement), the Company represents and warrants that no person or entity, other than a Stockholder holding Registrable Securities, has any right to require the Company to register any securities of the Company for sale or to include such securities of the Company in any Registration Statement filed by the Company for the sale of securities for its own account or for the account of any other person or entity. The Company hereby agrees and covenants that it will not grant rights to register any Common Stock (or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Common Stock) pursuant to the Securities Act that are more favorable or senior to those granted to the Holders hereunder without (a) the prior written consent of the Required Stockholders and Sponsor (in each case, not to be unreasonably withheld); or (b) granting economically and legally equivalent rights to the Stockholders hereunder such that the Stockholders shall receive the benefit of such more favorable or senior terms and/or conditions. Further, the Company represents and warrants that this Agreement supersedes any other registration rights agreement or agreement with similar terms and conditions and in the event of a conflict between any such agreement or agreements and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

(g) Benefits of the Agreement. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective permitted successors and assigns of the parties. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations, or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement (including Section 5 hereof).

(h) Counterparts; Execution. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. A PDF or other reproduction of this Agreement may be executed by one or more parties hereto, and an executed copy of this Agreement may be delivered by one or more parties hereto by email or other electronic transmission device pursuant to which the signature of or on behalf of such party can be seen, and such execution and delivery shall be considered legal, valid, binding and effective for all purposes. The parties

hereto hereby agree that no party shall raise the execution of a PDF or other reproduction of this Agreement, or the fact that any signature or document was transmitted or communicated by e-mail or other electronic transmission device, as a defense to the formation of this Agreement.

(i) Headings. The headings of this Agreement are for convenience of reference and shall not form part of, or affect the interpretation of, this Agreement.

(j) Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement in that jurisdiction or the validity or enforceability of any provision of this Agreement in any other jurisdiction. The parties will endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the prohibited, invalid or unenforceable provision(s) with a valid provision(s), the effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the prohibited, invalid or unenforceable provision(s).

(k) Further Assurances. The parties shall execute and deliver all such further instruments and documents and take all such other actions as may reasonably be required to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby and to evidence the fulfillment of the agreements herein contained.

(l) No Strict Construction. The language used in this Agreement will be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties thereto express their mutual intent, and no rules of strict construction will be applied against any party.

(m) Entire Agreement. This Agreement is intended by the parties as a final expression of their agreement and intended to be a complete and exclusive statement of the agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties with respect to such subject matter.

(n) Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction; Waiver of Jury Trial. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of New York. Each party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York for the adjudication of any dispute hereunder or in connection herewith or with any transaction contemplated hereby or discussed herein, and hereby irrevocably waives, and agrees not to assert in any suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum or that the venue of such suit, action or proceeding is improper. Each party hereby irrevocably waives personal service of process and consents to process being served in any such suit, action or proceeding by mailing a copy thereof to such party at the address for such notices to it under this Agreement and agrees that such service shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to limit in any way any right to serve process in any manner permitted by law. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO REQUEST A TRIAL BY JURY FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION HEREWITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT AND REPRESENTS THAT COUNSEL HAS BEEN CONSULTED SPECIFICALLY AS TO THIS WAIVER.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement or caused their duly authorized officers to execute this Agreement as of the date first above written.

COMPANY:

DRAGONFLY ENERGY HOLDINGS CORP.

By: _____

Name:

Title:

[Signature Page to Registration Rights Agreement]

STOCKHOLDER:

Name of Stockholder

(Signature)

Name of Signing Party (Please Print)

Title of Signing Party (Please Print)

Tax ID #

Date Signed

EXHIBIT A

Initial Stockholders

Stockholder Name	Initial Shares	Initial Warrants	PIPE Shares
Jonathan Biele	22,000	—	—
Perry Boyle	22,000	—	—
Roderick Hardamon	22,000	—	—
Jory Des Jardins	22,000	—	—
Hitesh Thakrar	22,000	—	—
Todd Thomson	22,000	—	—
Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC	3,030,500	—	[500,000]
Chardan NexTech 2 Warrant Holdings LLC	—	4,627,858	—
Total:	3,162,500	4,627,858	

Dragonfly Stockholders

Stockholder Name	Merger Shares	Earnout Shares (%)
Denis Phares	[•]	[•]%
Phares 2021 GRAT dated July 9, 2021		
Sean Nichols		
Nichols Living Trust 2015		
Nichols GRAT I dated June 14, 2021		
John Marchetti		
Nicole Harvey		
Dynavolt Technology (HK) Ltd		

EXECUTION VERSION

SPONSOR SUPPORT AGREEMENT

This SPONSOR SUPPORT AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”), dated as of May 15, 2022, is made by and among Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., a Delaware corporation (“Acquiror”), Dragonfly Energy Corp., a Nevada corporation (the “Company”) and Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Sponsor”). Acquiror, the Company and the Sponsor shall be referred to herein from time to time collectively as the “Parties”. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Merger Agreement (as defined below).

WHEREAS, Acquiror, the Company and Bronco Merger Sub, Inc., a Nevada corporation (“Merger Sub”), entered into that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of the date hereof (as it may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with its terms, the “Merger Agreement”);

WHEREAS, the Sponsor is the record and beneficial owner of 3,162,500 shares (the “Owned Shares”) of common stock of Acquiror, par value \$0.0001 per share (“Acquiror Common Stock”);

WHEREAS, the Merger Agreement contemplates that the Parties will enter into this Agreement concurrently with the execution and delivery of the Merger Agreement by the parties thereto, pursuant to which, among other things, (a) the Sponsor will vote in favor of approval of the Transaction Proposals and (b) the Sponsor will agree not to redeem any shares of Acquiror Common Stock in connection with the Merger; and

WHEREAS, on or prior to the date hereof, Acquiror entered into a subscription agreement with Chardan Capital Markets, LLC pursuant to which Chardan Capital Markets, LLC agreed to purchase from Acquiror shares of Acquiror Common Stock as described in the subscription agreement (“Investor Shares”).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties, each intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. Agreement to Vote. The Sponsor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees (a) to vote, or cause to be voted, at the Acquiror Stockholders’ Meeting or any other meeting of the Acquiror Stockholders, or in any action by written resolution of the Acquiror Stockholders, in each case, during which any or all of the Transaction Proposals are presented to the Acquiror Stockholders for approval, all of the Sponsor’s Acquiror Common Stock (and any additional shares of Acquiror equity securities acquired by the Stockholder after the date of this Agreement, including as a result of a stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization, combination, reclassification, exchange, exercise, conversion or change of such Acquiror Common Stock, but excluding the Investor Shares or shares of Common Stock acquired in the public market, the “Subject Acquiror Equity Securities”) (i) in favor of the Transaction Proposals and (ii) against, and the Sponsor shall withhold consent with respect to, any Business Combination Proposal (other than the Merger) or any other matter, action or proposal that would reasonably be expected to result in (x) a breach of any of the Acquiror’s or Merger Sub’s covenants, agreements or obligations under the Merger Agreement or in any Ancillary Agreements or (y) any of the conditions to the Closing set forth in Sections 9.1 or 9.3 of the Merger Agreement not being satisfied, (b) if the Acquiror Stockholders’ Meeting or any other meeting of the Acquiror Stockholders is held in respect of the matters set forth in clause (a), to appear at such meeting, in person or by proxy, or otherwise cause all of the Sponsor’s Subject Acquiror Equity Securities to be counted as present thereat for purposes of establishing a quorum and (c) not to redeem, elect to redeem or tender or submit any of its Subject Acquiror Equity Securities for redemption in connection with the Acquiror Stockholder Approval, the Merger or any other transactions or otherwise prior to the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 6, and any attempt to redeem such Subject Acquiror Equity Securities will be void *ab initio* and of no effect. The obligations of the Sponsor specified in this Section 1 shall apply whether or not the Merger, any of the transactions or any action described above is recommended by the Acquiror Board.

2. Transfer of Shares.

a. The Sponsor hereby agrees that it shall not (i) sell, assign, transfer (including by operation of law), place a lien on, pledge, hypothecate, grant an option to purchase, distribute, dispose of or

otherwise encumber any of its Subject Acquiror Equity Securities or otherwise enter into any contract, option or other arrangement or undertaking to do any of the foregoing (each, a “Transfer”) or (ii) deposit any of its Subject Acquiror Equity Securities into a voting trust or enter into a voting agreement or arrangement or grant any proxy or power of attorney with respect to any of its Subject Acquiror Equity Securities that conflicts with any of the covenants or agreements set forth in this Agreement; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not apply to any Transfer (A) to Acquiror’s officers or directors or Affiliates; (B) by private sales or transfers made in connection with the transactions contemplated by, and expressly permitted under, the Merger Agreement; and (C) by virtue of the Sponsor’s organizational documents upon liquidation or dissolution of the Sponsor; provided, that any transferee of any Transfer of the types set forth in clauses (A) through (C) must enter into a written agreement agreeing to be bound by this Agreement.

b. In furtherance of the foregoing, Acquiror hereby agrees to (i) place a revocable stop order on all Subject Acquiror Equity Securities subject to Section 2(a), including those which may be covered by a registration statement, and (ii) notify Acquiror’s transfer agent in writing of such stop order and the restrictions on such Subject Acquiror Equity Securities under Section 2(a) and direct Acquiror’s transfer agent not to process any attempts by the Sponsor to Transfer any Subject Acquiror Equity Securities except in compliance with Section 2(a); for the avoidance of doubt, the obligations of Acquiror under this Section 2(b) shall be deemed to be satisfied by the existence of any similar stop order and restrictions currently existing on the Subject Acquiror Equity Securities.

3. Other Covenants.

a. The Sponsor hereby agrees to be bound by and subject to (i) Section 11.12 (Publicity) of the Merger Agreement to the same extent as such provisions apply to the parties to the Merger Agreement, as if the Sponsor is directly a party thereto, and (ii) Section 7.4 (No Solicitation by Acquiror), Section 7.13 (Acquiror Closing Extension) and Section 8.3 (Support of Transaction) of the Merger Agreement to the same extent as such provisions apply to Acquiror, as if the Sponsor is directly party thereto.

b. The Sponsor acknowledges and agrees that the Company and Acquiror are entering into the Merger Agreement in reliance upon the Sponsor entering into this Agreement and agreeing to be bound by, and perform, or otherwise comply with, as applicable, the agreements, covenants and obligations contained in this Agreement and but for the Sponsor entering into this Agreement and agreeing to be bound by, and perform, or otherwise comply with, as applicable, the agreements, covenants and obligations contained in this Agreement the Company and Acquiror would not have entered into, or agreed to consummate the transactions contemplated by, the Merger Agreement.

c. Without the prior written consent of the Company, the Acquiror and Sponsor hereby agree not to amend that certain Initial Public Offering Letter Agreement, dated August 10, 2021, by and among Acquiror, Sponsor, Chardan NexTech 2 Warrant Holdings LLC, and certain members of the Acquiror’s board of directors and/or management team.

4. Representations and Warranties. Sponsor represents and warrants to the Company as follows:

a. it is the record and beneficial owner (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of, and has good title to, the Owned Shares, free and clear of Liens other than as created by this Agreement and Permitted Liens. As of the date hereof, other than the Owned Shares and 4,627,858 warrants comprising a part of the units issued and sold by the Acquiror in the IPO, the Sponsor does not own beneficially or of record any shares of capital stock of Acquiror (or any securities convertible into shares of capital stock of Acquiror);

b. none of the Subject Acquiror Equity Securities is subject to any proxy, voting trust or other agreement or arrangement with respect to the voting of such securities, except as provided hereunder;

c. it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of Delaware, and the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby are within Sponsor’s, corporate, limited liability company or organizational powers and have been duly authorized by all necessary actions on the part of Sponsor;

d. the execution and delivery of this Agreement by Sponsor does not, and the performance by Sponsor of its obligations hereunder will not, (i) conflict with or result in a violation of the organizational documents of Sponsor or any Contract to which it is a party, including the IPO Letter Agreement (as defined below), or (ii) require any consent or approval that has not been given or other action that has not been taken by any third party (including under any Contract binding upon Sponsor or Sponsor's Subject Acquiror Equity Securities), in each case, to the extent such consent, approval or other action would prevent, enjoin or materially delay the performance by Sponsor of its obligations under this Agreement;

e. there are no Actions pending against Sponsor or, to the knowledge of Sponsor, threatened against Sponsor, before (or, in the case of threatened Actions, that would be before) any arbitrator or any Governmental Authority, which in any manner challenges or seeks to prevent, enjoin or materially delay the performance by Sponsor of its obligations under this Agreement;

f. no investment banker, broker, finder or other intermediary is entitled to any broker's, finder's, financial advisor's or other similar fee or commission for which the Acquiror is or will be liable in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby based upon arrangements made by or, to the knowledge of the Sponsor, on behalf of the Sponsor, other than, for the avoidance of doubt, Acquiror's engagement of any investment banker, broker, finder or other intermediary as set forth in the Acquiror Disclosure Schedule; and

g. that certain letter agreement, dated as of August 10, 2021 by and between Acquiror, the Sponsor and the other parties thereto (the "IPO Letter Agreement") remains in full force and effect and neither Sponsor nor, to the knowledge of Sponsor, any other party thereto, is in violation thereof or default thereunder.

5. Termination. This Agreement shall automatically terminate, without any notice or other action by any Party, and be void *ab initio* upon the earlier of (a) the Effective Time and (b) the termination of the Merger Agreement in accordance with its terms (the "Termination Date"). Upon termination of this Agreement as provided in the immediately preceding sentence, none of the Parties shall have any further obligations or liabilities under, or with respect to, this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 5(b) shall not affect any liability on the part of any Party for a Willful Breach of any covenant or agreement set forth in this Agreement prior to such termination or Fraud. For purposes of this Section 5, (x) "Willful Breach" means a material breach that is a consequence of an act undertaken or a failure to act by the breaching Party with the knowledge that the taking of such act or such failure to act would, or would reasonably be expected to, constitute or result in a breach of this Agreement and (y) "Fraud" means, with respect to a Party to this Agreement, an actual and intentional fraud with respect to the making of the representations and warranties contained herein; provided that such actual and intentional fraud of such Party shall only be deemed to exist if such Party had actual knowledge that a representation or warranty made by such Party were false when made, with the intention that the other such Party to this Agreement rely thereon, and the other Party did rely thereon to its detriment.

6. No Recourse. Except for claims pursuant to the Merger Agreement or any other Ancillary Agreement by any party(ies) thereto against any other party(ies) thereto, each Party agrees that (a) this Agreement may only be enforced against, and any action for breach of this Agreement may only be made against, the Parties, and no claims of any nature whatsoever (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) arising under or relating to this Agreement, the negotiation hereof or its subject matter, or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be asserted against any Affiliate of the Company or any Affiliate of Acquiror (other than the Sponsor, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein), and (b) none of the Affiliates of the Company or the Affiliates of Acquiror (other than the Sponsor, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein) shall have any liability arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the negotiation hereof or its subject matter, or the transactions contemplated hereby, including with respect to any claim (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) for breach of this Agreement or in respect of any written or oral representations made or alleged to be made in connection herewith, as expressly provided herein, or for any actual or alleged inaccuracies, misstatements or omissions with respect to any information or materials of any kind furnished in connection with this Agreement, the negotiation hereof or the transactions contemplated hereby. The Sponsor hereby waives any and all rights and claims to redeem any Investor Shares or shares of Common Stock acquired in the public market.

7. Fiduciary Duties. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, (a) the Sponsor makes no agreement or understanding herein in any capacity other than in its capacity as a record holder and beneficial owner of the Subject Acquiror Equity Securities and (b) nothing herein will be construed to limit or affect any action or inaction by any representative of the Sponsor in its capacity as a member of the board of directors (or other similar governing body) of Acquiror or any of its Affiliates or as an officer, employee or fiduciary of Acquiror or any of its Affiliates, in each case, acting in such person's capacity as a director, officer, employee or fiduciary of Acquiror or such Affiliate.

8. No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall be for the sole benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns and is not intended, nor shall be construed, to give any Person, other than the Parties and their respective successors and assigns, any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever by reason this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, is intended to or shall constitute the Parties, partners or participants in a joint venture.

9. Incorporation by Reference. Sections 1.2 (Construction) 11.4 (Assignment), 11.7 (Governing Law), 11.8 (Headings; Counterparts; Effectiveness), 11.10 (Entire Agreement), 11.11 (Amendments), 11.13 (Severability), 11.14 (Jurisdiction; Waiver of Jury Trial), 11.15 (Enforcement) and 11.17 (Non-Survival of Representations, Warranties and Covenants) of the Merger Agreement are incorporated herein by reference and shall apply to this Agreement *mutatis mutandis*.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Parties has caused this Agreement to be duly executed on its behalf as of the day and year first above written.

CHARDAN NEXTECH INVESTMENTS 2 LLC

By: /s/ Jonas Grossman
Name: Jonas Grossman
Title: Chief Executive Officer

CHARDAN NEXTECH ACQUISITION 2 CORP.

By: /s/ Jonas Grossman
Name: Jonas Grossman
Title: Managing Member

DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.

By: /s/ Denis Phares
Name: Denis Phares
Title: Chief Executive Officer

SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

This SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT (this “**Subscription Agreement**”) is entered into on May 15, 2022, by and between Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), and Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC (“**Subscriber**”).

WHEREAS, immediately following the execution and delivery of this Subscription Agreement, the Company will enter into that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 15, 2022 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with its terms, the “**Merger Agreement**”) with Dragonfly Energy Corp., a Nevada corporation (“**Dragonfly**”), and Bronco Merger Sub, Inc., a Nevada corporation and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (“**Merger Sub**”), pursuant to which Merger Sub will be merged with and into Dragonfly, with Dragonfly surviving as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the “**Merger**”), on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein (the Merger, together with the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, the “**Transactions**”);

WHEREAS, in connection with the Transactions, Subscriber desires to subscribe for and purchase from the Company, prior to or substantially concurrently with the consummation of the Transactions, that number of shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the “**Shares**”), set forth on the signature page hereto (the “**Subscribed Shares**”) for a purchase price of \$10.00 per share (the “**Per Share Price**”), or the aggregate purchase price set forth on Subscriber’s signature page hereto (the “**Purchase Price**”), and the Company desires to issue and sell to Subscriber the Subscribed Shares in consideration of the payment of the Purchase Price by or on behalf of Subscriber to the Company, all on the terms and conditions set forth herein;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Transactions and as contemplated by the Merger Agreement, the Company and Dragonfly may enter into separate subscription agreements with investors and other financing sources (the “**Additional Subscription Agreements**”), pursuant to which such investors (the “**Other Subscribers**”) may subscribe for and purchase Shares and/or other securities, or provide other financing; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Closing (as defined below), Subscriber may purchase Shares in the open market and reduce (i) its Purchase Price hereunder by an amount equal to the number of Shares that Subscriber purchased in the open market multiplied by the per share redemption amount received by public stockholders who elect to redeem their Shares prior to Closing (such amount, the “**Open Market Purchase Credit**”), and (ii) the number of its Subscribed Shares by an amount equal to the number of Shares Subscriber purchased in the open market and not redeemed as contemplated above (the “**Open Market Share Credit**”).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual representations, warranties and covenants, and subject to the terms and conditions herein contained, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Company and the Subscriber hereby agree as follows:

1. **Subscription.** Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, at the Closing (as defined below), Subscriber hereby agrees to subscribe for and purchase, and the Company hereby agrees to issue and sell to Subscriber, upon the payment of the Purchase Price, the Subscribed Shares (such subscription and issuance, the “**Subscription**”).
2. **Closing.**
 - a. The consummation of the Subscription contemplated hereby (the “**Closing**”) shall occur on the date of and immediately prior to the consummation of the Transactions (the date of Closing of the Subscription, the “**Closing Date**”).
 - b. At least five (5) Business Days prior to the date that the Company reasonably expects all conditions to the closing of the Transactions to be satisfied, the Company shall deliver written notice to Subscriber (the “**Closing Notice**”) specifying (i) the anticipated Closing Date and (ii) the wire instructions for delivery of the Purchase Price to the Company. No later than two (2) Business Days prior to the anticipated Closing Date (the “**Funding Date**”), Subscriber shall deliver to the Company (a) the Purchase Price via wire transfer of United States dollars in immediately available funds to the

account specified by the Company in the Closing Notice, such funds to be held by the Company in escrow until the Closing, and (b) such information as is reasonably requested in the Closing Notice in order for the Company to cause the Subscribed Shares to be issued and delivered to Subscriber including, without limitation, a duly completed and executed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 or appropriate Form W-8, if applicable. The Company shall deliver to Subscriber, upon satisfaction (or, if applicable, waiver) of the conditions set forth in this Section 2, (i) at the Closing, the Subscribed Shares in book entry form, free and clear of any liens or other restrictions (other than those arising under this Subscription Agreement or applicable securities laws or imposed by the Subscriber), in the name of Subscriber (or its nominee in accordance with its delivery instructions) or to a custodian designated by Subscriber, as applicable, and (ii) as promptly as practicable after the Closing, written notice from the Company or its transfer agent evidencing the issuance to Subscriber of the Subscribed Shares on and as of the Closing Date. In the event that the Closing Date does not occur within five (5) Business Days after the anticipated Closing Date specified in the Closing Notice, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Company and Subscriber, the Company shall promptly (but not later than seven (7) Business Days after the anticipated Closing Date specified in the Closing Notice) return the funds so delivered by Subscriber to the Company by wire transfer in immediately available funds to the account specified by Subscriber. Notwithstanding such return or cancellation (x) a failure to close on the anticipated Closing Date shall not, by itself, be deemed to be a failure of any of the conditions to Closing set forth in this Section 2 to be satisfied or waived on or prior to the Closing Date, and (y) unless and until this Subscription Agreement is terminated in accordance with Section 7 herein, Subscriber shall remain obligated (A) to redeliver funds to the Company in escrow following the Company's delivery to Subscriber of a new closing notice and (B) to consummate the Closing upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in this Section 2. For the purposes of this Subscription Agreement, "**Business Day**" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is closed.

- c The Closing shall be subject to the satisfaction or valid waiver by the Company, on the one hand, and the Subscriber, on the other, on the Closing Date of each of the following conditions:
 - (i) all conditions precedent to the closing of the Transactions set forth in the Merger Agreement shall have been satisfied (as determined by the parties to the Merger Agreement) or waived by the party entitled to make such waiver under the Merger Agreement (other than those conditions which, by their nature or terms, are to be satisfied at the closing of the Transactions pursuant to the Merger Agreement), and the closing of the Transactions shall be scheduled to occur substantially concurrently with or following the Closing; and
 - (ii) no governmental authority shall have issued, enforced or entered any judgment or order, which is then in effect and has the effect of making the Subscription illegal or otherwise restraining or prohibiting consummation of the Subscription.
- d The obligation of the Company to consummate the Closing shall be subject to the satisfaction or valid waiver by the Company of the additional conditions that: (i) Subscriber shall have performed, satisfied and complied in all material respects with all covenants, agreements and conditions required by this Subscription Agreement to be performed, satisfied or complied with by Subscriber at or prior to the Closing and (ii) the representations and warranties of the Subscriber contained in this Subscription Agreement are true, accurate and complete at and as of the Closing Date (unless they specifically speak as of an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct as of such date) except for inaccuracies or the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct that (without giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "Subscriber Material Adverse Effect" (as defined below) or another similar materiality qualification set forth herein), individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Subscriber Material Adverse Effect, in each case without giving effect to the consummation of the Transactions; and
- e The obligation of Subscriber to consummate the Closing shall be subject to the satisfaction or valid waiver by Subscriber of the additional conditions that: (i) the Company shall have performed, satisfied and complied in all material respects with all covenants, agreements and conditions required by this Subscription Agreement to be performed, satisfied or complied with by the Company at or prior to the Closing and (ii) the representations and warranties of the Company contained in this

Subscription Agreement are true, accurate and complete at and as of the Closing Date (unless they specifically speak as of an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct as of such date) except for inaccuracies or the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct that (without giving effect to any limitation as to “materiality” or “Company Material Adverse Effect” (as defined below) or another similar materiality qualification set forth herein), individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, in each case without giving effect to the consummation of the Transactions.

3. Further Assurances. At the Closing, the Company and the Subscriber shall execute and deliver such additional documents and take such additional actions as each reasonably may deem to be practical and necessary to consummate the Subscription as contemplated by this Subscription Agreement.
4. Company Representations and Warranties. The Company represents and warrants to Subscriber that (provided that no representation or warranty by the Company shall apply to any statement or information in the SEC Reports (as defined below) that relates to the topics referenced in the SEC Statements (as defined below) or any other accounting matters with respect to the Company’s securities or other IPO (as defined below) related matters, nor shall any correction, amendment or restatement of the Company’s filings or financial statements due wholly or in part to the SEC Statements or any other accounting matters, nor any other effects that relate to or arise out of, or are in connection with or in response to, any of the foregoing or any changes in accounting or disclosure related thereto, be deemed to be material for purposes of this Subscription Agreement or be deemed to be a breach of any representation or warranty by the Company):
 - a The Company (i) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, (ii) has the requisite power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties, to carry on its business as it is now being conducted and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Subscription Agreement and (iii) is duly licensed or qualified to conduct its business and, if applicable, is in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction (other than its jurisdiction of incorporation) in which the conduct of its business or the ownership of its properties or assets requires such license or qualification, except, with respect to the foregoing clauses (ii) and (iii), where such failure would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. For purposes of this Subscription Agreement, a “**Company Material Adverse Effect**” means an event, change, development, occurrence, condition or effect with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries, taken together as a whole (on a consolidated basis), that, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on (i) the business, financial condition or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken together as a whole (on a consolidated basis) or (ii) the Company’s ability to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, including the issuance and sale of the Subscribed Shares.
 - b The Subscribed Shares have been duly authorized and, when issued and delivered to Subscriber against full payment therefor in accordance with the terms of this Subscription Agreement and registered in book-entry form with the Company’s transfer agent, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and will not have been issued in violation of any preemptive rights created under the Company’s organizational documents (as adopted on or prior to the Closing Date) or the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation.
 - c This Subscription Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company, and assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery of the same by Subscriber, this Subscription Agreement shall constitute the valid and legally binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting creditors generally and by the availability of equitable remedies.
 - d Assuming the accuracy of the representations and warranties of Subscriber in this Subscription Agreement, the Company’s execution, delivery, and performance of this Subscription Agreement, including the issuance and sale of the Subscribed Shares and the compliance by the Company with all of the provisions of this Subscription Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein, will not conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or

- provisions of, or constitute a default under, (i) the organizational documents of the Company; (ii) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement, lease, license or other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which the Company is bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company is subject; or (iii) any statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its properties that, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii), would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.
- e Assuming the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Subscriber, the Company is not required to obtain any consent, waiver, authorization or order of, give any notice to, or make any filing or registration with, any court or other federal, state, local or other governmental authority, self-regulatory organization (including The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (the “Nasdaq”)) or other person in connection with the execution, delivery and performance of this Subscription Agreement (including, without limitation, the issuance of the Subscribed Shares), other than (i) filings required by applicable state or federal securities laws, (ii) the filings required pursuant to Section 6 below, (iii) the filing, if required, of a Notice of Exempt Offering of Securities on Form D with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) under Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), (iv) those required by the SEC or the Nasdaq, including with respect to obtaining stockholder approval, (v) those filings required to consummate the Transactions as provided under the Merger Agreement, (vi) the filing of notification under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, if applicable, (vii) in connection with or as a result of the “Staff Statement on Accounting and Reporting Considerations for Warrants Issued by Special Purpose Acquisition Companies” issued by the SEC staff on April 12, 2021, the rules proposed by the SEC on March 30, 2022, intended to enhance investor protections in initial public offerings by special purpose acquisition companies (“SPACs”) and in subsequent business combination transactions between SPACs and private operating companies, or any subsequent guidance, statements, change in presentation or interpretations issued by the SEC or the SEC staff or otherwise relating thereto (collectively, the “SEC Statements”) or other accounting matter and (ix) any consent, waiver, authorization, order, notice, filing or registration the failure of which to make, give or obtain, as applicable, would not be reasonably likely to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.
- f As of their respective filing dates or, if amended, as of the date of such amendment, which shall be deemed to supersede such original filing, all reports required to be filed by the Company with the SEC (the “SEC Reports”) complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder, and none of the SEC Reports filed under the Securities Act and Exchange Act, contained, when filed or, if amended prior to the date of this Subscription Agreement, as of the date of such amendment with respect to those disclosures that are amended, which shall be deemed to supersede such original filing, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Subscription Agreement, no representation or warranty is made under this Subscription Agreement or otherwise as to the accounting treatment of the Company’s issued and outstanding warrants, other securities or any other initial public offering matter, or as to any deficiencies in disclosure (including with respect to accounting and disclosure controls) arising therefrom, in any SEC Reports. The financial statements of the Company included in the SEC Reports comply in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto as in effect at the time of filing, or, if amended, as of the date of such amendment, which shall be deemed to supersede such original filing, and fairly present in all material respects the financial position of the Company as of and for the dates thereof and the results of operations and cash flows for the periods then ended, subject, in the case of unaudited financial statements, to normal, year-end audit adjustments. The Company has filed each periodic report that the Company was required to file with the SEC since August 10, 2021 and through the date hereof. As of the date of this Subscription Agreement, there are no material outstanding or unresolved comments in comment

letters received by the Company from the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance of the SEC with respect to any of the SEC Reports.

- g As of the date of this Subscription Agreement, the authorized share capital of the Company consists of (a) 50,000,000 Shares, and (b) 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (“**Preferred Stock**”). As of the date of this Subscription Agreement: (i) 15,812,500 Shares; (ii) no shares of Preferred Stock; and (iii) 9,487,500 public warrants exercisable for one (1) Share at \$11.50 per share and 4,627,858 private placement warrants exercisable for one (1) Share at \$11.50 per share (collectively, the “**Warrants**”), were issued and outstanding; and (v) no Shares were subject to issuance upon exercise of outstanding options. No Warrants are exercisable on or prior to the Closing.
 - h Except for such matters that have not had and would not be reasonably likely to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, there is no (i) suit, action, proceeding or arbitration before a governmental authority or arbitrator pending, or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened in writing against the Company or (ii) judgment, decree, injunction, ruling or order of any governmental authority or arbitrator outstanding against the Company.
 - i The issued and outstanding Shares as of the date of this Subscription Agreement are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, and are listed for trading on the Nasdaq under the symbol “CNTQ” (it being understood that the trading symbol will be changed in connection with the Transaction). There is no suit, action, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against the Company by the Nasdaq or the SEC to deregister the Shares or prohibit or terminate the listing of the Shares on Nasdaq, excluding, for the purposes of clarity, the customary ongoing review by Nasdaq of the Company’s continued listing application in connection with the Transactions. The Company has taken no action that is designed to terminate the registration of the Shares under the Exchange Act. The Company has not, in the twelve (12) months preceding the date hereof, received notice from the Nasdaq to the effect that the Company is not in compliance with the listing or maintenance requirements of the Nasdaq.
 - j Assuming the accuracy of Subscriber’s representations and warranties set forth in Section 5 of this Subscription Agreement, no registration under the Securities Act is required for the offer and sale of the Subscribed Shares by the Company to Subscriber.
 - k The Company has not received any written communication, from a governmental authority that alleges that the Company is not in compliance with or is in default or violation of any applicable antitrust or anticorruption law, except where such non-compliance, default or violation would not be reasonably expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.
 - l No broker or finder is entitled to any brokerage or finder’s fee or commission solely in connection with the sale of the Subscribed Shares by the Company to Subscriber.
 - m The Company is not and, immediately after receipt of payment for the Subscribed Shares, will not be required to register as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
5. Subscriber Representations and Warranties. Subscriber represents and warrants to the Company that:
- a Subscriber (i) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation, organization or formation, as applicable, and (ii) has the requisite power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Subscription Agreement.
 - b This Subscription Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Subscriber, and assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery of the same by the Company, this Subscription Agreement shall constitute the valid and legally binding obligation of Subscriber, enforceable against Subscriber in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting creditors generally and by the availability of equitable remedies.

- c The execution and delivery of this Subscription Agreement, the purchase of the Subscribed Shares and the compliance by Subscriber with all of the provisions of this Subscription Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein will not conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under (i) the organizational documents of Subscriber; (ii) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement, lease, license or other agreement or instrument to which Subscriber is a party or by which Subscriber is bound or to which any of the property or assets of Subscriber is subject; or (iii) any statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over Subscriber or any of its properties that, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii), would reasonably be expected to have a Subscriber Material Adverse Effect. For purposes of this Subscription Agreement, a “**Subscriber Material Adverse Effect**” means an event, change, development, occurrence, condition or effect with respect to Subscriber that would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on Subscriber’s ability to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, including the purchase of the Subscribed Shares.
- d Subscriber or each of the funds managed by or affiliated with Subscriber for which Subscriber is acting as nominee, as applicable, (i) is an “qualified institutional buyer” (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act) or is an institutional “accredited investor” (within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), Rule 501(a)(2), Rule 501(a)(3), or Rule 501(a)(7) under the Securities Act), in each case, satisfying the applicable requirements set forth on Annex A; (ii) is acquiring the Subscribed Shares only for its own account and not for the account of others, or if Subscriber is subscribing for the Subscribed Shares as a fiduciary or agent for one or more investor accounts, each owner of such account is a “qualified institutional buyer” (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act) and Subscriber has full investment discretion with respect to each such account, and the full power and authority to make the acknowledgements, representations and agreements herein on behalf of each owner of each such account; and (iii) is not acquiring the Subscribed Shares with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution of the Company’s common stock in violation of the Securities Act (and has provided the Company with the requested information on Annex A following the signature page hereto) or any securities laws of the United States or any other jurisdiction. Subscriber is not an entity formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the Subscribed Shares. Subscriber is (i) an institutional account as defined in FINRA Rule 4512(c), (ii) is a sophisticated investor, experienced in investing in private equity transactions and capable of evaluating investment risks independently, both in general and with regard to all transactions and investment strategies involving a security or securities, including its participation in the purchase of the Subscribed Shares, and (iii) has exercised independent judgment in evaluating its participation in the purchase of the Subscribed Shares. Subscriber understands that the offering meets (i) the exemptions from filing under FINRA Rule 5123(b)(1) (A), (C) or (J) and (ii) the institutional customer exemption under FINRA Rule 2111(b).
- e Subscriber understands that the Subscribed Shares are being offered in a transaction not involving any public offering within the meaning of the Securities Act and that the Subscribed Shares have not been registered under the Securities Act or any state securities law in reliance on the availability of an exemption from such registration. Subscriber understands that the Subscribed Shares may not be offered, resold, transferred, pledged or otherwise disposed of by Subscriber absent an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, except (i) to the Company or a subsidiary thereof, or (ii) pursuant to an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and, in each of cases (i) and (ii), in accordance with any applicable securities laws of the states and other jurisdictions of the United States, and that any certificates or book entries representing the Subscribed Shares shall contain a legend to such effect. Subscriber acknowledges that the Subscribed Shares will not be eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act. Subscriber understands and agrees that the Subscribed Shares will be subject to transfer restrictions and, as a result of these transfer restrictions, Subscriber may not be able to readily offer, resell, transfer, pledge or otherwise dispose of the Subscribed Shares and may be required to bear the financial risk of an investment in the Subscribed Shares for an indefinite period of time. Subscriber understands that it has been advised to consult legal, tax and accounting advisors prior to making any offer, resale, pledge, disposition or transfer of any of the Subscribed Shares.

- f Subscriber understands and agrees that Subscriber is purchasing the Subscribed Shares directly from the Company. Subscriber further acknowledges that there have not been, and Subscriber hereby agrees that it is not relying on, any representations, warranties, covenants or agreements made to Subscriber by the Company, Dragonfly, any of their respective affiliates or any control persons, officers, directors, employees, partners, agents or representatives, any other party to the Transactions or any other person or entity, expressly or by implication, other than those representations, warranties, covenants and agreements of the Company expressly set forth in this Subscription Agreement, and Subscriber expressly disclaims any representations, warranties, covenants or agreements not expressly set forth in this Subscription Agreement. Subscriber hereby represents and warrants that it is relying exclusively on Subscriber's own sources of information, investment analysis and due diligence (including professional advice such Subscriber deems appropriate) with respect to this offering of the Subscribed Shares, and the business, condition (financial and otherwise), management, operations, properties and prospects of the Company and the Target, including but not limited to all business, legal, regulatory, accounting, credit and tax matters. In particular, without limiting the foregoing, Subscriber acknowledges that certain information provided by the Company was based on projections, forecasts, estimates, budgets or other prospective information, and such information is based on assumptions and estimates that are inherently uncertain and are subject to a wide variety of significant business, economic and competitive risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the projections, and neither the Company nor any other person makes any representation relating to any such information.
- g In making its decision to subscribe for and purchase the Subscribed Shares, Subscriber has relied solely upon independent investigation made by Subscriber. Subscriber acknowledges and agrees that Subscriber has received or had access to, and an adequate opportunity to review, such information as Subscriber deems necessary to make an investment decision with respect to the Subscribed Shares, including, without limitation, with respect to the Company, Dragonfly and the Transactions. Subscriber represents and agrees that Subscriber and Subscriber's professional advisor(s), if any, have had the full opportunity to ask such questions, receive such answers and obtain such information as Subscriber and Subscriber's professional advisor(s), if any, have deemed necessary to make an investment decision with respect to the Subscribed Shares. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Subscriber acknowledges that it has reviewed the Company's filings with the SEC and any disclosure documents provided by or on behalf of the Company in connection with the Subscription and that no statement or printed material which is contrary to the disclosure documents has been made or given to the Subscriber by or on behalf of the Company. Subscriber further acknowledges and agrees that no person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations which were not furnished pursuant to Section 4 and the Subscriber has not relied on any other representations or information in making its investment decision, whether written or oral, relating to the Company, its operations and/or its prospects.
- h Subscriber became aware of this offering of the Subscribed Shares solely by means of direct contact between Subscriber and the Company or by means of contact from Dragonfly and/or their respective agents, control persons, representatives, affiliates, directors, officers, managers, members, and/or employees (such parties referred to collectively as "**Representatives**"). The Subscribed Shares were offered to Subscriber solely by direct contact between Subscriber and the Company, Dragonfly and/or their respective Representatives. Subscriber did not become aware of this offering of the Subscribed Shares, nor were the Subscribed Shares offered to Subscriber, by any other means and none of the Company, Dragonfly or their respective Representatives acted as investment advisor, broker or dealer to Subscriber. Subscriber acknowledges that the Company represents and warrants that the Subscribed Shares (i) were not offered to Subscriber by any form of general solicitation or general advertising and (ii) are not being offered to Subscriber in a manner involving a public offering under, or in a distribution in violation of, the Securities Act, or any state securities laws.
- i Subscriber acknowledges that it is aware that there are substantial risks incident to the purchase and ownership of the Subscribed Shares. Subscriber is a sophisticated institutional investor and has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters, and in investing in private placement securities, as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of an investment in the Subscribed

Shares. At the time of making its investment decision, Subscriber has had access to such financial and other information concerning the Company and its subsidiaries as Subscriber deemed necessary or desirable in making a decision to purchase the Subscribed Shares, including an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from officers of the Company and to obtain additional information necessary to verify the accuracy of any information furnished to Subscriber or to which Subscriber had access. Subscriber has independently made its own analysis and decision to purchase the Subscribed Shares and determined based on its own independent review, and such professional advice from its own advisors (including as to tax, legal and accounting matters) as Subscriber may deem appropriate, that its purchase of the Subscribed Shares (i) is consistent with Subscriber's financial needs, objectives and condition, (ii) complies with all investment policies, guidelines and other restrictions that are applicable to Subscriber, (iii) does not and will not violate any law, rule, regulation, agreement or other obligation to which Subscriber is bound (assuming the accuracy of the Company's representations and warranties contained herein), and (iv) is a fit, proper and suitable investment for Subscriber, notwithstanding the risks associated with a purchase of the Subscribed Shares.

- j Subscriber has adequately analyzed and fully considered the risks of an investment in the Subscribed Shares and determined that the Subscribed Shares are a suitable investment for Subscriber and that Subscriber is able at this time and in the foreseeable future to bear the economic risk of a total loss of Subscriber's investment in the Company. Subscriber acknowledges specifically that a possibility of total loss exists.
- k Subscriber understands and agrees that no federal or state agency has passed upon or endorsed the merits of the offering of the Subscribed Shares or made any findings or determination as to the fairness of this investment.
- l Subscriber is not (i) a person or entity named on the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons administered by the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") or in any Executive Order issued by the President of the United States and administered by OFAC ("OFAC List") or on any EU or United Nations sanctions list, or a person or entity prohibited by any OFAC sanctions program, (ii) organized, resident, or located in a country or region subject to comprehensive sanctions administered by OFAC (as of the date of this Subscription Agreement, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, the Crimea region of Ukraine, or Venezuela), (iii) 50% or greater owned, directly or indirectly, or controlled by, or acting on behalf of, one or more persons that are described in clauses (i) or (ii) of this paragraph; (iv) a Designated National as defined in the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 515, or (v) a non-U.S. shell bank or providing banking services directly or indirectly to a non-U.S. shell bank (each, a "**Prohibited Investor**"). Subscriber agrees to provide law enforcement agencies, if requested thereby, such records as required by applicable law, provided that Subscriber is permitted to do so under applicable law. Subscriber represents that if it is a financial institution subject to the Bank Secrecy Act (31 U.S.C. Section 5311 et seq.), as amended by the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 and its implementing regulations (collectively, the "**BSA/PATRIOT Act**"), that Subscriber maintains policies and procedures reasonably designed to comply with applicable obligations under the BSA/PATRIOT Act. Subscriber also represents that, to the extent required, it maintains policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure compliance with applicable OFAC sanctions programs, including the OFAC List. Subscriber further represents and warrants that, to the extent required, it maintains policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the funds held by Subscriber and used to purchase the Subscribed Shares were legally derived and were not obtained, directly or indirectly, from a Prohibited Investor. Neither Subscriber nor any of its Affiliates or its or their respective directors or officers is subject to any of the "Bad Actor" disqualifications described in Rule 506(d)(1)(i) to (viii) under the Securities Act.
- m Subscriber is not currently (and at all times through Closing will refrain from being or becoming) a member of a "group" (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act or any successor provision) acting for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting or disposing of equity securities of the Company or Dragonfly (within the meaning of Rule 13d-5(b)(1) under the Exchange Act).

- n Subscriber is not a foreign person (as defined in 31 C.F.R. Part 800.224) in which the national or subnational governments of a single foreign state have a substantial interest (as defined in 31 C.F.R. Part 800.244).
- o If Subscriber is an employee benefit plan that is subject to Title I of ERISA, a plan, an individual retirement account or other arrangement that is subject to section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “**Code**”) or an employee benefit plan that is a governmental plan (as defined in section 3(32) of ERISA), a church plan (as defined in section 3(33) of ERISA), a non-U.S. plan (as described in section 4(b)(4) of ERISA) or other plan that is not subject to the foregoing but may be subject to provisions under any other federal, state, local, non-U.S. or other laws or regulations that are similar to such provisions of ERISA or the Code, or an entity whose underlying assets are considered to include “plan assets” of any such plan, account or arrangement (each, a “**Plan**”) subject to the fiduciary or prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA or section 4975 of the Code, Subscriber represents and warrants that neither the Company, Dragonfly nor any of their respective affiliates (the “**Transaction Parties**”) has acted as the Plan’s fiduciary with respect to its decision to acquire and hold the Subscribed Shares, and none of the Transaction Parties shall at any time be relied upon as the Plan’s fiduciary with respect to any decision to acquire, continue to hold or transfer the Subscribed Shares.
- p Subscriber has, and prior to the Funding Date will have, sufficient funds immediately available to it to pay the Purchase Price pursuant to Section 2(b).
- q The Subscriber has not entered into any agreement or arrangement entitling any agent, broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other person to any broker’s or finder’s fee or any other commission or similar fee in connection with the sale of the Subscribed Shares for which the Company could become liable.
- r Subscriber acknowledges and agrees that the certificate or book-entry position representing the Subscribed Shares will bear or reflect, as applicable, a legend substantially similar to the following:

“THIS SECURITY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), AND THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) THIS SECURITY MAY BE OFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, ONLY (I) PURSUANT TO ANY EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, (II) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, OR (III) TO THE COMPANY, IN EACH OF CASES (I) THROUGH (III) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND (B) THE HOLDER WILL NOTIFY ANY SUBSEQUENT PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY FROM IT OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN (A) ABOVE. THE COMPANY MAY REQUIRE THE DELIVERY OF A WRITTEN OPINION OF COUNSEL, CERTIFICATIONS AND/OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION IT REASONABLY REQUIRES TO CONFIRM THE SECURITIES ACT EXEMPTION FOR SUCH TRANSACTION.”
- s Subscriber acknowledges and agrees that the Company continues to review the SEC Statements and its implications, including on the financial statements and other information included in its filings with the SEC, and any restatement, revision or other modification of such filings relating to or arising from such review, any subsequent related agreements or other guidance from the Staff of the SEC shall be deemed not material for purposes of this Subscription Agreement.
- t To the extent Subscriber purchases any Shares in the open market following the date of this Subscription Agreement and prior to the Closing, Subscriber represents and warrants that it will not exercise its right to vote such Shares in connection with any vote to approve the Transactions.

6. Registration of Subscribed Shares and Removal of Legends.

- a The Company and Subscriber hereby acknowledge and agree that the Subscription Shares shall be treated as “Registrable Securities” under the Registration Rights Agreement (as defined in the Merger Agreement).
- b Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the Company shall, subject to the receipt of documentation and representation letter from the applicable Subscriber and transferee or other Holder, (i) use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause its transfer agent to effect the removal of the legends from (A) any Shares being sold under the Registration Statement, (B) at the time of sale of Shares pursuant to Rule 144 and (C) at the request of a Holder (defined below) at such time as the Shares held by such Holder may be sold by such Holder without restriction under Rule 144, including without limitation, any volume and manner of sale restrictions, and (ii) cause its legal counsel to deliver an opinion, if necessary, subject to the receipt of documentation and representation letter from the applicable Subscriber and transferee or other Holder, to the transfer agent in connection with the instruction under subclause (i) to the effect that removal of such restrictive legends in such circumstances may be effected under the Securities Act, in each case upon the receipt of customary representations and other documentation, if any, from the Holder as reasonably requested by the Company, its counsel or the transfer agent, establishing that restrictive legends are no longer required. “Holder” shall mean the Subscriber or any affiliate of Subscriber to which the rights under Section 6 shall have been assigned.

7. Termination. This Subscription Agreement shall terminate and be void and of no further force and effect, and all rights and obligations of the parties hereunder shall terminate without any further liability on the part of any party in respect thereof, upon the earliest to occur of (a) such date and time as the Merger Agreement is validly terminated in accordance with its terms, (b) upon the mutual written agreement of the Company and the Subscriber to terminate this Subscription Agreement, (c) if the conditions to Closing set forth in Section 2 of this Subscription Agreement are not satisfied at, or are not capable of being satisfied on or prior to, the Closing and, as a result thereof, the transactions contemplated by this Subscription Agreement will not be or are not consummated at the Closing and (d) Closing has not occurred by May 15, 2023; provided, that nothing herein will relieve any party from liability for any willful breach hereof prior to the time of termination, and each party will be entitled to any remedies at law or in equity to recover losses, liabilities or damages arising from such breach. The Company shall notify Subscriber of the termination of the Merger Agreement promptly after the termination thereof.

8. Trust Account Waiver. Subscriber hereby acknowledges that, as described in the Company’s final prospectus dated August 10, 2021 filed with the SEC (the “**Prospectus**”), the Company has established a trust account (the “**Trust Account**”) containing the proceeds of its initial public offering (the “**IPO**”) and from certain private placements occurring simultaneously with the IPO (including interest accrued from time to time thereon) for the benefit of the Company’s public stockholders and certain other parties (including the underwriters of the IPO). For and in consideration of the Company entering into this Subscription Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Subscriber hereby (i) agrees that it does not now and shall not at any time hereafter have any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any assets held in the Trust Account, and shall not make any claim against the Trust Account, regardless of whether such claim arises as a result of, in connection with or relating in any way to this Subscription Agreement or any other matter, and regardless of whether such claim arises based on contract, tort, equity or any other theory of legal liability (any and all such claims are collectively referred to hereafter as the “**Released Claims**”), (ii) irrevocably waives any Released Claims that it may have against the Trust Account now or in the future as a result of, or arising out of, any negotiations, contracts or agreements with the Company and (iii) will not seek recourse against the Trust Account for any reason whatsoever; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 8 shall preclude (x) any action, claim, suit or proceeding of any kind by the Subscriber or any of its affiliates against the Company or any of affiliates seeking recourse against or recovery from any assets or monies outside the Trust Account or (y) a Claim by the Subscriber or any of its affiliates in or to monies released from the Trust Account upon the completion of a business combination as described in the Prospectus, excluding monies released from the Trust Account to the

Company's public stockholders that are required to be paid to the Company's public stockholders as a result of their exercise of their redemption rights as described in the Prospectus; provided, further, that nothing in this Agreement or this paragraph shall supplement, amend, limit, modify or otherwise affect (A) the underwriting agreement described in the Prospectus (the "**Underwriting Agreement**"), any rights the Subscriber or any of its affiliates has pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement to receive a portion of the deferred discount described in the Prospectus (the "**Deferred Discount**"), or any indemnification, contribution or other rights the Subscriber or any of its affiliates has pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, or any action, claim, suit or proceeding, or claim for a portion of the Deferred Discount or for indemnification or contribution under the Underwriting Agreement of any kind by the Subscriber or any of its affiliates against the Company or any of its affiliates in connection with the Underwriting Agreement, which in each such case shall have recourse against the Trust Account, (B) any rights with respect to, or recourse or interests in, the Trust Account the Subscriber or any of its affiliates may have as a direct or indirect stockholder of, sponsor of, or lender to, the Company, or (C) any rights with respect to, or recourse or interests in, the Trust Account the Subscriber or any of its affiliates may have pursuant to any IPO related documentation. Subscriber agrees and acknowledges that such irrevocable waiver is material to this Subscription Agreement and specifically being relied upon by the Company and its affiliates to induce the Company to enter into this Subscription Agreement, and Subscriber further intends and understands such waiver to be valid, binding and enforceable against Subscriber and each of its affiliates under applicable law.

9. Miscellaneous.

- a All notices, requests, demands, claims and other communications hereunder shall be in writing. Any notice, request, demand, claim or other communication hereunder shall be deemed duly given (i) when delivered personally to the recipient, (ii) when sent by electronic mail, with no mail undeliverable or other rejection notice, (iii) one (1) Business Day after being sent to the recipient by reputable overnight courier service (charges prepaid), or (iv) four (4) Business Days after being mailed to the recipient by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, and, in each case, addressed to the intended recipient at its electronic mail address or address, as applicable, specified on the signature page hereof or to such electronic mail address or address as subsequently modified by written notice given in accordance with this Section 9(a).
- b Subscriber acknowledges that the Company and Dragonfly will rely on the acknowledgments, understandings, agreements, representations and warranties of Subscriber contained in this Subscription Agreement. Prior to the Closing, Subscriber agrees to promptly notify the Company if it becomes aware that any of the acknowledgments, understandings, agreements, representations and warranties of Subscriber set forth herein are no longer accurate in all material respects (other than those acknowledgments, understandings, agreements, representations and warranties qualified by materiality, in which case the Subscriber shall notify the Company if they are no longer accurate in any respect). The Company acknowledges that Subscriber and others will rely on the acknowledgments, understandings, agreements, representations and warranties contained in this Subscription Agreement. Prior to the Closing, the Company agrees to promptly notify Subscriber if it becomes aware that any of the acknowledgments, understandings, agreements, representations and warranties of the Company set forth herein are no longer accurate in all material respects (other than those acknowledgments, understandings, agreements, representations and warranties qualified by materiality, in which case the Company shall notify Subscriber if they are no longer accurate in any respect).
- c Each of the Company and Subscriber is irrevocably authorized to produce this Subscription Agreement or a copy hereof if legally compelled in connection with in any administrative or legal proceeding or official inquiry with respect to the matters covered hereby. If either the Company or Subscriber is so compelled, then unless prohibited by law, rule, or regulation, the producing party shall provide the other with prior written notice (including by email) of such production and disclosure and shall reasonably consult with the Company or Subscriber, as applicable, regarding the production and disclosure.
- d Subscriber shall pay all of its own expenses in connection with this Subscription Agreement and the transactions contemplated herein.

- e Subscriber hereby acknowledges and agrees that it will not, nor will any person acting at the Subscriber's direction or pursuant to any understanding with the Subscriber, directly or indirectly offer, sell, pledge, contract to sell, sell any option, engage in hedging activities or execute any "short sales" as defined in Rule 200 of Regulation SHO under the Exchange Act ("**Short Sales**"), of the Subscribed Shares prior to the Closing (or such earlier termination of this Subscription Agreement in accordance with its terms). Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) nothing in this Section 9(e) shall prohibit other entities under common management or control with Subscriber, or that share an investment advisor with Subscriber, that have no knowledge of this Subscription Agreement or of Subscriber's participation in the Subscription Agreement including the Subscriber's controlled affiliates and/or affiliates from entering into any Short Sales and (ii) in the case of a Subscriber that is a multi-managed investment bank or vehicle in which separate portfolio managers or desks manage separate portions of such Subscriber's assets, this Section 9(e) shall apply only with respect to the portion of assets managed by the portfolio manager or desk that made the investment decision to purchase the Subscribed Shares covered by this Subscription Agreement (the "**Investing Portfolio Manager**") and the portfolio managers or desks who have direct knowledge of the investment decisions made by the Investing Portfolio Manager.
- f Neither this Subscription Agreement nor any rights that may accrue to the parties hereunder (including Subscriber's rights to purchase the Subscribed Shares) may be transferred or assigned without the prior written consent of each of the other parties hereto (other than the Subscribed Shares acquired hereunder, if any, and then only in accordance with this Subscription Agreement); provided, that, for the avoidance of doubt, the Company may transfer the Subscription Agreement and its rights hereunder in connection with the Transactions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Subscriber may assign its rights and obligations under this Subscription Agreement to one or more of its affiliates or another person acceptable to the Company, provided that (i) such assignee(s) agrees in writing to be bound by the terms hereof, and upon such assignment by Subscriber, the assignee(s) shall become Subscriber hereunder and have the rights and obligations and be deemed to make the representations and warranties of Subscriber provided for herein to the extent of such assignment and (ii) no such assignment shall relieve Subscriber of its obligations hereunder if any such affiliate fails to perform such obligations.
- g All the agreements, representations and warranties made by each party hereto in this Subscription Agreement shall survive the Closing.
- h If Subscriber purchases Shares in the open market prior to Closing, the Company shall be deemed to have received from Subscriber the aggregate gross purchase price paid for such Shares.
- i The Company may request from Subscriber such additional information as the Company may reasonably deem necessary to evaluate the eligibility of Subscriber to acquire the Subscribed Shares and to register the Subscribed Shares for resale, and Subscriber shall provide such information as may be reasonably requested. Subscriber acknowledges that the Company may file a copy of this Subscription Agreement with the SEC as an exhibit to a current or periodic report of the Company or a registration statement of the Company.
- j This Subscription Agreement may not be amended, modified, waived or terminated except by an instrument in writing, signed by each of the parties hereto.
- k This Subscription Agreement constitutes the entire agreement, and supersedes all other prior agreements, understandings, representations and warranties, both written and oral, among the parties, with respect to the subject matter hereof, other than the Registration Rights Agreement and any other agreements entered or to be entered into in connection with the Transactions. Except as provided in Section 9(n) hereof, this Subscription Agreement shall not confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and assigns.
- l Except as otherwise provided herein, this Subscription Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives, and permitted assigns, and the agreements, representations, warranties, covenants and acknowledgments contained herein shall be deemed to be made by, and be binding upon, such heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives and permitted assigns.

- m If any provision of this Subscription Agreement shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Subscription Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby and shall continue in full force and effect.
- n This Subscription Agreement may be executed and delivered in one or more counterparts (including by electronic mail or in .pdf) and by different parties in separate counterparts, with the same effect as if all parties hereto had signed the same document. All counterparts so executed and delivered shall be construed together and shall constitute one and the same agreement.
- o This Subscription Agreement is intended for the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns and is not for the benefit of, nor may any provision hereof be enforced by, any other person.
- p The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Subscription Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. It is accordingly agreed that the parties shall be entitled to an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Subscription Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Subscription Agreement, this being in addition to any other remedy to which such party is entitled at law, in equity, in contract, in tort or otherwise. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that the Company shall be entitled to specifically enforce the Subscriber's obligations to fund the Purchase Price and the provisions of this Subscription Agreement, in each case, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein.
- q This Subscription Agreement and all disputes, legal actions, suits and proceedings arising out of or relating to this Subscription Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware, including its statutes of limitations, without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of laws that would otherwise require the application of the law of any other jurisdiction.
- r **TO THE EXTENT NOT PROHIBITED BY APPLICABLE LAW WHICH CANNOT BE WAIVED, EACH PARTY HEREBY WAIVES ITS RESPECTIVE RIGHTS TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OR RELATED TO THIS SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR OTHER LITIGATION OF ANY TYPE BROUGHT BY ANY PARTY AGAINST ANY OTHER PARTY OR ANY AFFILIATE OF ANY OTHER SUCH PARTY, WHETHER WITH RESPECT TO CONTRACT CLAIMS, TORT CLAIMS OR OTHERWISE. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT ANY SUCH CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION SHALL BE TRIED BY A COURT TRIAL WITHOUT A JURY. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, THE PARTIES FURTHER AGREE THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IS WAIVED BY OPERATION OF THIS SECTION AS TO ANY ACTION, COUNTERCLAIM OR OTHER PROCEEDING WHICH SEEKS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, TO CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OR ENFORCEABILITY OF THIS SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT OR ANY PROVISION HEREOF. THIS WAIVER SHALL APPLY TO ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS, RENEWALS, SUPPLEMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THIS SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT.**
- s The parties agree that all disputes, legal actions, suits and proceedings arising out of or relating to this Subscription Agreement must be brought exclusively in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware and any state appellate court therefrom within the State of Delaware (or, if the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware declines to accept jurisdiction over a particular matter, any federal court within the State of Delaware or, in the event each federal court within the State of Delaware declines to accept jurisdiction over a particular matter, any state court within the State of Delaware) (collectively, the "**Designated Courts**"). Each party hereby consents and submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Designated Courts. No legal action, suit or proceeding with respect to this Subscription Agreement may be brought in any other forum. Each party hereby irrevocably waives all claims of immunity from jurisdiction and any objection which such party may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any suit, action or proceeding in any Designated Court, including any

right to object on the basis that any dispute, action, suit or proceeding brought in the Designated Courts has been brought in an improper or inconvenient forum or venue. Each of the parties also agrees that delivery of any process, summons, notice or document to a party hereof in compliance with Section 9(a) of this Subscription Agreement shall be effective service of process for any action, suit or proceeding in a Designated Court with respect to any matters to which the parties have submitted to jurisdiction as set forth above.

- t This Subscription Agreement may only be enforced against, and any claim, action, suit or other legal proceeding based upon, arising out of, or related to this Subscription Agreement, or the negotiation, execution or performance of this Subscription Agreement, may only be brought against the Company, in the case of claim or cause of action brought to the Subscriber, and the Subscriber, in the case of a claim cause of action brought by the Company and then only with respect to the specific obligations set forth herein with respect to such person. No past, present or future director, officer, employee, incorporator, manager, member, partner, stockholder, affiliate, agent, attorney or other representative of any party hereto or of any affiliate of any party hereto, or any of their successors or permitted assigns, shall have any liability for any obligations or liabilities of any party hereto under this Subscription Agreement or for any claim, action, suit or other legal proceeding based on, in respect of or by reason of the transactions contemplated hereby.
- u Each party hereto agrees that the Subscriber's identity and the Subscription, as well as nature of the Subscriber's obligations hereunder, may be disclosed in public announcements and disclosures if required by the SEC, including in any registration statements, proxy statements, consent solicitation statements, SEC Statements, and other SEC filings to be filed by the Company in connection with the Subscription and/or Transactions; provided that such disclosure is limited to the extent required to comply with law, rules or regulations, in response to a comment or request from the staff of the SEC or another regulatory agency or under Nasdaq regulations; provided further that, unless prohibited by law, rule, or regulation, the Company shall provide Subscriber with prior written notice (including by email) of such disclosure and shall reasonably consult with Subscriber regarding such disclosure. In all other cases, the Company acknowledges and agrees that the Company will not, and will cause its representatives, not to publicly make reference to the Subscriber in connection with the Transactions or this Subscription Agreement, including in a press release or marketing materials of the Company or for any similar or related purpose without the prior written consent of the Subscriber.
- v The obligations of Subscriber under this Subscription Agreement are several and not joint with the obligations of any other investor, and Subscriber shall not be responsible in any way for the performance of the obligations of any other investor. The decision of Subscriber to purchase Subscribed Shares pursuant to this Subscription Agreement has been made by Subscriber independently of any other investor and independently of any information, materials, statements or opinions as to the business, affairs, operations, assets, properties, liabilities, results of operations, condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of the Company or any of its subsidiaries which may have been made or given by any other investor or by any agent or employee of any other investor, and neither Subscriber nor any of its agents or employees shall have any liability to any other investor relating to or arising from any such information, materials, statements or opinions. Nothing contained herein, and no action taken by Subscriber or any other investor pursuant hereto or thereto, shall be deemed to constitute the Subscriber and any other investors as a partnership, an association, a joint venture or any other kind of entity, or create a presumption that the Subscriber and any other investors are in any way acting in concert or as a group with respect to such obligations or the transactions contemplated by this Subscription Agreement. Subscriber acknowledges that no other investor has acted as agent for the Subscriber in connection with making its investment hereunder and no other investor will be acting as agent of the Subscriber in connection with monitoring its investment in the Subscribed Shares or enforcing its rights under this Subscription Agreement. Subscriber shall be entitled to independently protect and enforce its rights, including without limitation the rights arising out of this Subscription Agreement, and it shall not be necessary for any other investor to be joined as an additional party in any proceeding for such purpose.

[Signature pages follow.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Company and Subscriber has executed or caused this Subscription Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized representative as of the date first set forth above.

CHARDAN NEXTECH ACQUISITION 2 CORP.

By: /s/ Jonas Grossman

Name: Jonas Grossman

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Address for Notices:

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17 State Street, 21st Floor

New York, NY 10004

Attention: Jonas Grossman

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One Manhattan West

New York, New York 10001

Attention: Jeffrey A. Brill

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Michelle Gasaway

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SUBSCRIBER:
CHARDAN NEXTECH INVESTMENTS 2 LLC

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Address for Notices:

Name in which shares are to be registered:

Number of Subscribed Shares subscribed for:
_____ minus the Open Market Share Credit (if any)

Price Per Subscribed Share: \$10.00

Aggregate Purchase Price:
\$_____ minus the Open Market Purchase Credit (if any)

You must pay the Purchase Price by wire transfer of United States dollars in immediately available funds to the account of the Company specified by the Company in the Closing Notice.

ANNEX A

ELIGIBILITY REPRESENTATIONS OF SUBSCRIBER

This Annex A should be completed and signed by Subscriber
and constitutes a part of the Subscription Agreement.

A. QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER STATUS (Please check the applicable box)

- ☐ Subscriber is a “qualified institutional buyer” (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act (a “QIB”).

OR

B. INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR STATUS

- ☐ Subscriber is an institutional “accredited investor” (within the meaning of Rule 501(a) under the Securities Act) or an entity in which all of the equity holders are accredited investors within the meaning of Rule 501(a) under the Securities Act, and has marked and initialed the appropriate box on the following page indicating the provision under which it qualifies as an “accredited investor.”

C. AFFILIATE STATUS

(Please check the applicable box)

SUBSCRIBER:

- ☐ is:

- ☐ is not:

an “affiliate” (as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act) of the Company or acting on behalf of an affiliate of the Company.

Rule 501(a), in relevant part, states that an “accredited investor” shall mean any person who comes within any of the below listed categories, or who the issuer reasonably believes comes within any of the below listed categories, at the time of the sale of the securities to that person. Subscriber has indicated, by marking and initialing the appropriate box below, the provision(s) below which apply to Subscriber and under which Subscriber accordingly qualifies as an institutional “accredited investor.”

- ☐ Any bank, registered broker or dealer, insurance company, registered investment company, business development company, or small business investment company;
- ☐ Any plan established and maintained by a state, its political subdivisions, or any agency or instrumentality of a state or its political subdivisions for the benefit of its employees, if such plan has total assets in excess of \$5,000,000;
- ☐ Any employee benefit plan, within the meaning of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, if a bank, insurance company, or registered investment adviser makes the investment decisions, or if the plan has total assets in excess of \$5,000,000;
- ☐ Any organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corporation, similar business trust or partnership not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the securities offered, with total assets in excess of \$5,000,000;
- ☐ Any trust with assets in excess of \$5,000,000, not formed to acquire the securities offered, whose purchase is directed by a sophisticated person; or
- ☐ Any entity in which all of the equity owners are accredited investors meeting one or more of the above tests or one of the following tests.

**DRAGONFLY ENERGY HOLDINGS CORP.
2022 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

1. PURPOSE OF PLAN

The purpose of this Dragonfly Energy Holdings Corp. 2022 Equity Incentive Plan (this “**Plan**”) of Dragonfly Energy Holdings Corp., a Delaware corporation (the “**Corporation**”), is to promote the success of the Corporation by providing an additional means through the grant of awards to attract, motivate, retain and reward selected employees and other eligible persons and to enhance the alignment of the interests of the selected participants with the interests of the Corporation’s stockholders.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Administrator (as such term is defined in Section 3.1) may grant awards under this Plan only to those persons that the Administrator determines to be Eligible Persons. An “**Eligible Person**” is any person who is either: (a) an officer (whether or not a director) or employee of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries; (b) a director of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries; or (c) an individual consultant or advisor who renders or has rendered bona fide services (other than services in connection with the offering or sale of securities of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries in a capital-raising transaction or as a market maker or promoter of securities of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries) to the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries and who is selected to participate in this Plan by the Administrator; provided, however, that a person who is otherwise an Eligible Person under clause (c) above may participate in this Plan only if such participation would not adversely affect either the Corporation’s eligibility to use Form S-8 to register under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), the offering and sale of shares issuable under this Plan by the Corporation or the Corporation’s compliance with any other applicable laws. An Eligible Person who has been granted an award (a “**Participant**”) may, if otherwise eligible, be granted additional awards if the Administrator shall so determine. As used herein, “**Subsidiary**” means any corporation or other entity a majority of whose outstanding voting stock or voting power is beneficially owned directly or indirectly by the Corporation; and “**Board**” means the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

3. PLAN ADMINISTRATION

3.1 The Administrator. This Plan shall be administered by and all awards under this Plan shall be authorized by the Administrator. The “**Administrator**” means the Board or one or more committees (or subcommittees, as the case may be) appointed by the Board or another committee (within its delegated authority) to administer all or certain aspects of this Plan. Any such committee shall be comprised solely of one or more directors or such number of directors as may be required under applicable law. A committee may delegate some or all of its authority to another committee so constituted. The Board or a committee comprised solely of directors may also delegate, to the extent permitted by applicable law, to one or more officers of the Corporation, its authority under this Plan. The Board or another committee (within its delegated authority) may delegate different levels of authority to different committees or persons with administrative and grant authority under this Plan. Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation or the applicable charter of any Administrator: (a) a majority of the members of the acting Administrator shall constitute a quorum, and (b) the vote of a majority of the members present assuming the presence of a quorum or the unanimous written consent of the members of the Administrator shall constitute action by the acting Administrator. Award grants, and transactions in or involving awards, intended to be exempt under Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”), must be duly and timely authorized by the Board or a committee consisting solely of two or more non-employee directors (as this requirement is applied under Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act). To the extent required by any applicable listing agency, this Plan shall be administered by a committee composed entirely of independent directors (within the meaning of the applicable listing agency).

3.2 Powers of the Administrator. Subject to the express provisions of this Plan, the Administrator is authorized and empowered to do all things necessary or desirable in connection with the

authorization of awards and the administration of this Plan (in the case of a committee or delegation to one or more officers, within any express limits on the authority delegated to that committee or person(s)), including, without limitation, the authority to:

- (a) determine eligibility and, from among those persons determined to be eligible, determine the particular Eligible Persons who will receive an award under this Plan;
- (b) grant awards to Eligible Persons, determine the price (if any) at which securities will be offered or awarded and the number of securities to be offered or awarded to any of such persons (in the case of securities-based awards), determine the other specific terms and conditions of awards consistent with the express limits of this Plan, establish the installment(s) (if any) in which such awards shall become exercisable or shall vest (which may include, without limitation, performance and/or time-based schedules), or determine that no delayed exercisability or vesting is required, establish any applicable performance-based exercisability or vesting requirements, determine the circumstances in which any performance-based goals (or the applicable measure of performance) will be adjusted and the nature and impact of any such adjustment, determine the extent (if any) to which any applicable exercise and vesting requirements have been satisfied, establish the events (if any) on which exercisability or vesting may accelerate (which may include, without limitation, retirement and other specified terminations of employment or services, or other circumstances), and establish the events (if any) of termination, expiration or reversion of such awards;
- (c) approve the forms of any Award Agreements (which need not be identical either as to type of award or among Participants);
- (d) construe and interpret this Plan and any agreements defining the rights and obligations of the Corporation, its Subsidiaries, and Participants under this Plan, make any and all determinations under this Plan and any such agreements, further define the terms used in this Plan, and prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the administration of this Plan or the awards granted under this Plan;
- (e) cancel, modify, or waive the Corporation's rights with respect to, or modify, discontinue, suspend, or terminate any or all outstanding awards, subject to any required consent under Section 8.6.5;
- (f) accelerate, waive or extend the vesting or exercisability, or modify or extend the term of, any or all such outstanding awards (in the case of options or stock appreciation rights, within the maximum term of such awards) in such circumstances as the Administrator may deem appropriate (including, without limitation, in connection with a retirement or other termination of employment or services, or other circumstances) subject to any required consent under Section 8.6.5;
- (g) adjust the number of shares of Common Stock subject to any award, adjust the price of any or all outstanding awards or otherwise waive or change previously imposed terms and conditions, in such circumstances as the Administrator may deem appropriate, in each case subject to Sections 4 and 8.6 (and subject to the no repricing provision below);
- (h) determine the date of grant of an award, which may be a designated date after but not before the date of the Administrator's action to approve the award (unless otherwise designated by the Administrator, the date of grant of an award shall be the date upon which the Administrator took the action approving the award);
- (i) determine whether, and the extent to which, adjustments are required pursuant to Section 7.1 hereof and take any other actions contemplated by Section 7 in connection with the occurrence of an event of the type described in Section 7;
- (j) acquire or settle (subject to Sections 7 and 8.6) rights under awards in cash, stock of equivalent value, or other consideration (subject to the no repricing provision below); and

- (k) determine the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock or awards under this Plan from time to time and/or the manner in which such value will be determined.

3.3 Prohibition on Repricing. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 3.2 and except for an adjustment pursuant to Section 7.1 or a repricing approved by stockholders, in no case may the Administrator (1) amend an outstanding stock option or SAR to reduce the exercise price or base price of the award, (2) cancel, exchange, or surrender an outstanding stock option or SAR in exchange for cash or other awards for the purpose of repricing the award, or (3) cancel, exchange, or surrender an outstanding stock option or SAR in exchange for an option or SAR with an exercise or base price that is less than the exercise or base price of the original award.

3.4 Binding Determinations. Any determination or other action taken by, or inaction of, the Corporation, any Subsidiary, or the Administrator relating or pursuant to this Plan (or any award made under this Plan) and within its authority hereunder or under applicable law shall be within the absolute discretion of that entity or body and shall be conclusive and binding upon all persons. Neither the Board nor any other Administrator, nor any member thereof or person acting at the direction thereof, shall be liable for any act, omission, interpretation, construction or determination made in good faith in connection with this Plan (or any award made under this Plan), and all such persons shall be entitled to indemnification and reimbursement by the Corporation in respect of any claim, loss, damage or expense (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) arising or resulting therefrom to the fullest extent permitted by law and/or under any directors and officers liability insurance coverage that may be in effect from time to time. Neither the Board nor any other Administrator, nor any member thereof or person acting at the direction thereof, nor the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries, shall be liable for any damages of a Participant should an option intended as an ISO (as defined below) fail to meet the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**"), applicable to ISOs, should any other award(s) fail to qualify for any intended tax treatment, should any award grant or other action with respect thereto not satisfy Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act, or otherwise for any tax or other liability imposed on a Participant with respect to an award.

3.5 Reliance on Experts. In making any determination or in taking or not taking any action under this Plan, the Administrator may obtain and may rely upon the advice of experts, including employees and professional advisors to the Corporation. No director, officer or agent of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries shall be liable for any such action or determination taken or made or omitted in good faith.

3.6 Delegation. The Administrator may delegate ministerial, non-discretionary functions to individuals who are officers or employees of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries or to third parties.

4. SHARES OF COMMON STOCK SUBJECT TO THE PLAN; SHARE LIMITS

4.1 Shares Available. Subject to the provisions of Section 7.1, the capital stock that may be delivered under this Plan shall be shares of the Corporation's authorized but unissued Common Stock and any shares of its Common Stock held as treasury shares. For purposes of this Plan, "**Common Stock**" shall mean the common stock of the Corporation and such other securities or property as may become the subject of awards under this Plan, or may become subject to such awards, pursuant to an adjustment made under Section 7.1.

4.2 Aggregate Share Limit. The maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be delivered pursuant to awards granted to Eligible Persons under this Plan (the "**Share Limit**") is equal to the sum of the following:

- (1) []⁴³ shares of Common Stock, plus
- (2) the number of any shares subject to stock options granted under the Dragonfly Energy, Inc. 2019 Stock Incentive Plan or the Dragonfly Energy, Inc. 2021 Stock Incentive Plan (the "**Prior**

⁴³ Note to Draft: Initial share limit to be 4% of the fully diluted outstanding Common Stock of the Corporation immediately following the Closing.

Plans”) and outstanding on the date of stockholder approval of this Plan (the “**Stockholder Approval Date**”) which expire, or for any reason are cancelled or terminated, after the Stockholder Approval Date without being exercised, plus

- (3) the number of any shares subject to restricted stock awards granted under the Prior Plans that are outstanding and unvested on the Stockholder Approval Date that are forfeited, terminated, cancelled or otherwise reacquired by the Corporation without having become vested.

In addition, the Share Limit shall automatically increase on the first trading day in January of each calendar year during the term of this Plan, with the first such increase to occur in January 2023, by an amount equal to the lesser of (i) four percent (4%) of the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on December 31 of the immediately preceding calendar year or (ii) such number of shares of Common Stock as may be established by the Board.

4.3 Additional Share Limits. The following limits also apply with respect to awards granted under this Plan. These limits are in addition to, not in lieu of, the aggregate Share Limit in Section 4.2.

- (a) The maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be delivered pursuant to options qualified as incentive stock options granted under this Plan is [] shares.
- (b) Awards that are granted under this Plan during any one calendar year to any person who, on the grant date of the award, is a non-employee director are subject to the limits of this Section 4.3(b). The maximum number of shares of Common Stock subject to those awards that are granted under this Plan during any one calendar year to an individual who, on the grant date of the award, is a non-employee director is the number of shares that produce a grant date fair value for the award that, when combined with (i) the grant date fair value of any other awards granted under this Plan during that same calendar year to that individual in his or her capacity as a non-employee director and (ii) the dollar amount of all other cash compensation payable by the Corporation to such non-employee director for his or her services in such capacity during that same calendar year (regardless of whether deferred and excluding any interest or earnings on any portion of such amount that may be deferred), is \$[]; provided that this limit is \$[] as to (1) a non-employee director who is serving as the independent Chair of the Board or as a lead independent director at the time the applicable grant is made or (2) any new non-employee director for the calendar year in which the non-employee director is first elected or appointed to the Board. For purposes of this Section 4.3(b), a “non-employee director” is an individual who, on the grant date of the award, is a member of the Board who is not then an officer or employee of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries. For purposes of this Section 4.3(b), “grant date fair value” means the value of the award as of the date of grant of the award and as determined using the equity award valuation principles applied in the Corporation’s financial reporting. The limits of this Section 4.3(b) do not apply to, and shall be determined without taking into account, any award granted to an individual who, on the grant date of the award, is an officer or employee of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries. The limits of this Section 4.3(b) apply on an individual basis and not on an aggregate basis to all non-employee directors as a group.

4.4 Share-Limit Counting Rules. The Share Limit shall be subject to the following provisions of this Section 4.4:

- (a) Shares that are subject to or underlie awards granted under this Plan which expire or for any reason are cancelled or terminated, are forfeited, fail to vest, or for any other reason are not paid or delivered under this Plan shall not be counted against the Share Limit and shall be available for subsequent awards under this Plan.
- (b) Except as provided below, to the extent that shares of Common Stock are delivered pursuant to the exercise of a stock appreciation right granted under this Plan, the number of underlying shares which are actually issued in payment of the award shall be counted against the Share Limit. (For purposes of clarity, if a stock appreciation right relates to 100,000 shares and is exercised in full at a time when the payment due to the Participant is 15,000 shares, 15,000 shares shall be counted against the Share Limit with respect to such exercise and the 85,000

shares not issued shall not be counted against the Share Limit and shall be available for subsequent awards under this Plan.)

- (c) Shares that are exchanged by a Participant or withheld by the Corporation as full or partial payment in connection with any award granted under this Plan, as well as any shares exchanged by a Participant or withheld by the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries to satisfy the tax withholding obligations related to any award granted under this Plan, shall be counted against the Share Limit and shall not be available for subsequent awards under this Plan. For clarity, shares that are exchanged by a Participant or withheld by the Corporation as full or partial payment in connection with any award granted under a Prior Plan, as well as any shares exchanged by a Participant or withheld by the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries to satisfy the tax withholding obligations related to any award granted under a Prior Plan, shall not be available for awards under this Plan.
- (d) To the extent that an award granted under this Plan is settled in cash or a form other than shares of Common Stock, the shares that would have been delivered had there been no such cash or other settlement shall not be counted against the Share Limit and shall be available for subsequent awards under this Plan.
- (e) In the event that shares of Common Stock are delivered in respect of a dividend equivalent right granted under this Plan, the number of shares delivered with respect to the award shall be counted against the Share Limit. (For purposes of clarity, if 1,000 dividend equivalent rights are granted and outstanding when the Corporation pays a dividend, and 50 shares are delivered in payment of those rights with respect to that dividend, 50 shares shall be counted against the Share Limit). Except as otherwise provided by the Administrator, shares delivered in respect of dividend equivalent rights shall not count against any individual award limit under this Plan other than the aggregate Share Limit.
- (f) The Corporation may not increase the Share Limit by repurchasing shares of Common Stock on the market (by using cash received through the exercise of stock options or otherwise).

Refer to Section 8.10 for application of the share limits of this Plan, including the limits in Sections 4.2 and 4.3, with respect to assumed awards. Each of the numerical limits and references in Sections 4.2 and 4.3, and in this Section 4.4, is subject to adjustment as contemplated by Sections 7 and 8.10.

- 4.5 No Fractional Shares; Minimum Issue.** Unless otherwise expressly provided by the Administrator, no fractional shares shall be delivered under this Plan. The Administrator may pay cash in lieu of any fractional shares in settlements of awards under this Plan. The Administrator may from time to time impose a limit (of not greater than 100 shares) on the minimum number of shares that may be purchased or exercised as to awards (or any particular award) granted under this Plan unless (as to any particular award) the total number purchased or exercised is the total number at the time available for purchase or exercise under the award.

5. AWARDS

- 5.1 Type and Form of Awards.** The Administrator shall determine the type or types of award(s) to be made to each selected Eligible Person. Awards may be granted singly, in combination or in tandem. Awards also may be made in combination or in tandem with, in replacement of, as alternatives to, or as the payment form for grants or rights under any other employee or compensation plan of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries. The types of awards that may be granted under this Plan are:

- 5.1.1 Stock Options.** A stock option is the grant of a right to purchase a specified number of shares of Common Stock during a specified period as determined by the Administrator. An option may be intended as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code (an “ISO”) or a nonqualified stock option (an option not intended to be an ISO). The agreement evidencing the grant of an option will indicate if the option is intended as an ISO; otherwise it will be deemed to be a nonqualified stock option. The maximum term of each option (ISO or nonqualified) shall be ten (10) years. The per share exercise price for each

option shall be not less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant of the option. When an option is exercised, the exercise price for the shares to be purchased shall be paid in full in cash or such other method permitted by the Administrator consistent with Section 5.4.

5.1.2 *Additional Rules Applicable to ISOs.* To the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined at the time of grant of the applicable option) of stock with respect to which ISOs first become exercisable by a Participant in any calendar year exceeds \$100,000, taking into account both Common Stock subject to ISOs under this Plan and stock subject to ISOs under all other plans of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries (or any parent or predecessor corporation to the extent required by and within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder), such options shall be treated as nonqualified stock options. In reducing the number of options treated as ISOs to meet the \$100,000 limit, the most recently granted options shall be reduced first. To the extent a reduction of simultaneously granted options is necessary to meet the \$100,000 limit, the Administrator may, in the manner and to the extent permitted by law, designate which shares of Common Stock are to be treated as shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an ISO. ISOs may only be granted to employees of the Corporation or one of its subsidiaries (for this purpose, the term “subsidiary” is used as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code, which generally requires an unbroken chain of ownership of at least 50% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of each subsidiary in the chain beginning with the Corporation and ending with the subsidiary in question). No ISO may be granted to any person who, at the time the option is granted, owns (or is deemed to own under Section 424(d) of the Code) shares of outstanding Common Stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Corporation, unless the exercise price of such option is at least 110% of the Fair Market Value of the stock subject to the option and such option by its terms is not exercisable after the expiration of five years from the date such option is granted. If an otherwise-intended ISO fails to meet the applicable requirements of Section 422 of the Code, the option shall be a nonqualified stock option.

5.1.3 *Stock Appreciation Rights.* A stock appreciation right or “SAR” is a right to receive a payment, in cash and/or Common Stock, equal to the excess of the Fair Market Value of a specified number of shares of Common Stock on the date the SAR is exercised over the “base price” of the award, which base price shall be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement and shall be not less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant of the SAR. The maximum term of a SAR shall be ten (10) years.

5.1.4 *Other Awards; Dividend Equivalent Rights.* The other types of awards that may be granted under this Plan include: (a) stock bonuses, restricted stock, performance stock, stock units, restricted stock units, deferred shares, phantom stock or similar rights to purchase or acquire shares, whether at a fixed or variable price (or no price) or fixed or variable ratio related to the Common Stock, and any of which may (but need not) be fully vested at grant or vest upon the passage of time, the occurrence of one or more events, the satisfaction of performance criteria or other conditions, or any combination thereof; or (b) cash awards. The types of cash awards that may be granted under this Plan include the opportunity to receive a payment for the achievement of one or more goals established by the Administrator, on such terms as the Administrator may provide, as well as discretionary cash awards. Dividend equivalent rights may be granted as a separate award or in connection with another award under this Plan; provided, however, that dividend equivalent rights may not be granted as to a stock option or SAR granted under this Plan. In addition, any dividends and/or dividend equivalents as to the portion of an award that is subject to unsatisfied vesting requirements will be subject to termination and forfeiture to the same extent as the corresponding portion of the award to which they relate in the event the applicable vesting requirements are not satisfied.

5.2 *Award Agreements.* Each award shall be evidenced by a written or electronic award agreement or notice in a form approved by the Administrator (an “Award Agreement”), and, in each case and if required by the Administrator, executed or otherwise electronically accepted by the recipient of the award in such form and manner as the Administrator may require.

5.3 *Deferrals and Settlements.* Payment of awards may be in the form of cash, Common Stock, other awards or combinations thereof as the Administrator shall determine, and with such restrictions (if any) as it may impose. The Administrator may also require or permit Participants to elect to defer the issuance of shares or the settlement of awards in cash under such rules and procedures as it may establish under this Plan. The Administrator may also provide that deferred settlements include the payment or crediting of interest or other earnings on the deferral amounts, or the payment or crediting of dividend equivalents where the deferred amounts are denominated in shares.

5.4 *Consideration for Common Stock or Awards.* The purchase price (if any) for any award granted under this Plan or the Common Stock to be delivered pursuant to an award, as applicable, may be paid by means of any lawful consideration as determined by the Administrator, including, without limitation, one or a combination of the following methods:

- (a) services rendered by the recipient of such award;
- (b) cash, check payable to the order of the Corporation, or electronic funds transfer;
- (c) notice and third party payment in such manner as may be authorized by the Administrator;
- (d) the delivery of previously owned shares of Common Stock;
- (e) by a reduction in the number of shares otherwise deliverable pursuant to the award; or
- (f) subject to such procedures as the Administrator may adopt, pursuant to a “cashless exercise” with a third party who provides financing for the purposes of (or who otherwise facilitates) the purchase or exercise of awards.

In no event shall any shares newly-issued by the Corporation be issued for less than the minimum lawful consideration for such shares or for consideration other than consideration permitted by applicable state law. Shares of Common Stock used to satisfy the exercise price of an option shall be valued at their Fair Market Value. The Corporation will not be obligated to deliver any shares unless and until it receives full payment of the exercise or purchase price therefor and any related withholding obligations under Section 8.5 and any other conditions to exercise or purchase have been satisfied. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the applicable Award Agreement, the Administrator may at any time eliminate or limit a Participant’s ability to pay any purchase or exercise price of any award or shares by any method other than cash payment to the Corporation.

5.5 *Definition of Fair Market Value.* For purposes of this Plan, “**Fair Market Value**” shall mean, unless otherwise determined or provided by the Administrator in the circumstances, the closing price (in regular trading) for a share of Common Stock on the principal securities exchange on which the Common Stock is listed or admitted to trade (the “**Exchange**”) for the date in question or, if no sales of Common Stock were reported on the Exchange on that date, the closing price (in regular trading) for a share of Common Stock on the Exchange on the last day preceding the date in question on which sales of Common Stock were reported on the Exchange. The Administrator may, however, provide with respect to one or more awards that the Fair Market Value shall equal the closing price (in regular trading) for a share of Common Stock on the Exchange on the last trading day preceding the date in question or the average of the high and low trading prices of a share of Common Stock on the Exchange for the date in question or the most recent trading day. If the Common Stock is no longer listed or is no longer actively traded on an established securities exchange as of the applicable date, the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock shall be the value as reasonably determined by the Administrator for purposes of the award in the circumstances. The Administrator also may adopt a different methodology for determining Fair Market Value with respect to one or more awards if a different methodology is necessary or advisable to secure any intended favorable tax, legal or other treatment for the particular award(s) (for example, and without limitation, the Administrator may provide that Fair Market Value for purposes of one or more awards will be based on an average of closing prices (or the average of high and low daily trading prices) for a specified period preceding the relevant date).

5.6 *Transfer Restrictions.*

5.6.1 *Limitations on Exercise and Transfer.* Unless otherwise expressly provided in (or pursuant to) this Section 5.6 or required by applicable law: (a) all awards are non-transferable and shall not be subject in any manner to sale, transfer, anticipation, alienation, assignment, pledge, encumbrance or charge; (b) awards shall be exercised only by the Participant; and (c) amounts payable or shares issuable pursuant to any award shall be delivered only to (or for the account of) the Participant.

5.6.2 *Exceptions.* The Administrator may permit awards to be exercised by and paid to, or otherwise transferred to, other persons or entities pursuant to such conditions and procedures, including limitations on subsequent transfers, as the Administrator may, in its sole discretion, establish in writing. Any permitted transfer shall be subject to compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws and shall not be for value (other than nominal consideration, settlement of marital property rights, or for interests in an entity in which more than 50% of the voting interests are held by the Eligible Person or by the Eligible Person's family members).

5.6.3 *Further Exceptions to Limits on Transfer.* The exercise and transfer restrictions in Section 5.6.1 shall not apply to:

- (a) transfers to the Corporation (for example, in connection with the expiration or termination of the award);
- (b) the designation of a beneficiary to receive benefits in the event of the Participant's death or, if the Participant has died, transfers to or exercise by the Participant's beneficiary, or, in the absence of a validly designated beneficiary, transfers by will or the laws of descent and distribution;
- (c) subject to any applicable limitations on ISOs, transfers to a family member (or former family member) pursuant to a domestic relations order if received by the Administrator;
- (d) if the Participant has suffered a disability, permitted transfers or exercises on behalf of the Participant by his or her legal representative; or
- (e) the authorization by the Administrator of "cashless exercise" procedures with third parties who provide financing for the purpose of (or who otherwise facilitate) the exercise of awards consistent with applicable laws and any limitations imposed by the Administrator.

5.7 *International Awards.* One or more awards may be granted to Eligible Persons who provide services to the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries outside of the United States. Any awards granted to such persons may be granted pursuant to the terms and conditions of any applicable sub-plans, if any, appended to this Plan and approved by the Administrator from time to time. The awards so granted need not comply with the specific terms of this Plan to the extent the Committee determines other terms are necessary or desirable to satisfy securities, tax and other applicable laws of the jurisdictions relevant to such awards, provided that stockholder approval of any deviation from the specific terms of this Plan is not required by applicable law or any applicable listing agency.

6. **EFFECT OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR SERVICE ON AWARDS**

6.1 *General.* The Administrator shall establish the effect (if any) of a termination of employment or service on the rights and benefits under each award under this Plan and in so doing may make distinctions based upon, inter alia, the cause of termination and type of award. If the Participant is not an employee of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries, is not a member of the Board, and provides other services to the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries, the Administrator shall be the sole judge for purposes of this Plan (unless a contract or the award otherwise provides) of whether

the Participant continues to render services to the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries and the date, if any, upon which such services shall be deemed to have terminated.

6.2 *Events Not Deemed Terminations of Employment.* Unless the express policy of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries, or the Administrator, otherwise provides, or except as otherwise required by applicable law, the employment relationship shall not be considered terminated in the case of: (a) medical leave, (b) military leave, or (c) any other leave of absence authorized by the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries, or the Administrator; provided that, unless reemployment upon the expiration of such leave is guaranteed by contract or law or the Administrator otherwise provides, such leave is for a period of not more than three months. In the case of any employee of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries on an approved leave of absence, continued vesting of the award while on leave from the employ of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries may be suspended until the employee returns to service, unless the Administrator otherwise provides or applicable law otherwise requires. In no event shall an award be exercised after the expiration of any applicable maximum term of the award.

6.3 *Effect of Change of Subsidiary Status.* For purposes of this Plan and any award, if an entity ceases to be a Subsidiary of the Corporation a termination of employment or service shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to each Eligible Person in respect of such Subsidiary who does not continue as an Eligible Person in respect of the Corporation or another Subsidiary that continues as such after giving effect to the transaction or other event giving rise to the change in status unless the Subsidiary that is sold, spun-off or otherwise divested (or its successor or a direct or indirect parent of such Subsidiary or successor) assumes the Eligible Person's award(s) in connection with such transaction.

7. ADJUSTMENTS; ACCELERATION

7.1 *Adjustments.*

- (a) Subject to Section 7.2, upon (or, as may be necessary to effect the adjustment, immediately prior to): any reclassification, recapitalization, stock split (including a stock split in the form of a stock dividend) or reverse stock split; any merger, combination, consolidation, conversion or other reorganization; any spin-off, split-up, or extraordinary dividend distribution in respect of the Common Stock; or any exchange of Common Stock or other securities of the Corporation, or any similar, unusual or extraordinary corporate transaction in respect of the Common Stock; then the Administrator shall equitably and proportionately adjust: (1) the number and type of shares of Common Stock (or other securities) that thereafter may be made the subject of awards (including the specific share limits, maximums and numbers of shares set forth elsewhere in this Plan); (2) the number, amount and type of shares of Common Stock (or other securities or property) subject to any outstanding awards; (3) the grant, purchase, or exercise price (which term includes the base price of any SAR or similar right) of any outstanding awards; and/or (4) the securities, cash or other property deliverable upon exercise or payment of any outstanding awards, in each case to the extent necessary to preserve (but not increase) the level of incentives intended by this Plan and the then-outstanding awards.
- (b) Without limiting the generality of Section 3.4, any good faith determination by the Administrator as to whether an adjustment is required in the circumstances pursuant to this Section 7.1, and the extent and nature of any such adjustment, shall be conclusive and binding on all persons.

7.2 *Corporate Transactions — Assumption and Termination of Awards.*

- (a) Upon any event in which the Corporation does not survive, or does not survive as a public company in respect of its Common Stock (including, without limitation, a dissolution, merger, combination, consolidation, conversion, exchange of securities, or other reorganization, or a sale of all or substantially all of the business, stock or assets of the Corporation, in any case in connection with which the Corporation does not survive or does not survive as a public company in respect of its Common Stock), then the Administrator may make provision for a cash payment in settlement of, or for the termination, assumption, substitution or exchange of

any or all outstanding awards or the cash, securities or property deliverable to the holder of any or all outstanding awards, based upon, to the extent relevant under the circumstances, the distribution or consideration payable to holders of the Common Stock upon or in respect of such event. Upon the occurrence of any event described in the preceding sentence in connection with which the Administrator has made provision for the award to be terminated (and the Administrator has not made a provision for the substitution, assumption, exchange or other continuation or settlement of the award): (1) unless otherwise provided in the applicable Award Agreement, each then-outstanding option and SAR shall become fully vested, all shares of restricted stock then outstanding shall fully vest free of restrictions, and each other award granted under this Plan that is then outstanding shall become payable to the holder of such award (with any performance goals applicable to the award in each case being deemed met, unless otherwise provided in the Award Agreement, at either the “target” performance level or based on performance through the applicable transaction, as determined by the Administrator in its discretion); and (2) each award (including any award or portion thereof that, by its terms, does not accelerate and vest in the circumstances) shall terminate upon the related event; provided that the holder of an option or SAR shall be given reasonable advance notice of the impending termination and a reasonable opportunity to exercise his or her outstanding vested options and SARs (after giving effect to any accelerated vesting required in the circumstances) in accordance with their terms before the termination of such awards (except that in no case shall more than ten days’ notice of the impending termination be required and any acceleration of vesting and any exercise of any portion of an award that is so accelerated may be made contingent upon the actual occurrence of the event).

- (b) Without limiting the preceding paragraph, in connection with any event referred to in the preceding paragraph or any change in control event defined in any applicable Award Agreement, the Administrator may, in its discretion, provide for the accelerated vesting of any award or awards as and to the extent determined by the Administrator in the circumstances.
- (c) For purposes of this Section 7.2, an award shall be deemed to have been “assumed” if (without limiting other circumstances in which an award is assumed) the award continues after an event referred to above in this Section 7.2, and/or is assumed and continued by the surviving entity following such event (including, without limitation, an entity that, as a result of such event, owns the Corporation or all or substantially all of the Corporation’s assets directly or through one or more subsidiaries (a “**Parent**”)), and confers the right to purchase or receive, as applicable and subject to vesting and the other terms and conditions of the award, for each share of Common Stock subject to the award immediately prior to the event, the consideration (whether cash, shares, or other securities or property) received in the event by the stockholders of the Corporation for each share of Common Stock sold or exchanged in such event (or the consideration received by a majority of the stockholders participating in such event if the stockholders were offered a choice of consideration); provided, however, that if the consideration offered for a share of Common Stock in the event is not solely the ordinary common stock of a successor corporation or a Parent, the Administrator may provide for the consideration to be received upon exercise or payment of the award, for each share subject to the award, to be solely ordinary common stock of the successor corporation or a Parent equal in Fair Market Value to the per share consideration received by the stockholders participating in the event.
- (d) The Administrator may adopt such valuation methodologies for outstanding awards as it deems reasonable in the event of a cash or property settlement and, in the case of options, SARs or similar rights, but without limitation on other methodologies, may base such settlement solely upon the excess if any of the per share amount payable upon or in respect of such event over the exercise or base price of the award. In the case of an option, SAR or similar right as to which the per share amount payable upon or in respect of such event is less than or equal to the

exercise or base price of the award, the Administrator may terminate such award in connection with an event referred to in this Section 7.2 without any payment in respect of such award.

- (e) In any of the events referred to in this Section 7.2, the Administrator may take such action contemplated by this Section 7.2 prior to such event (as opposed to on the occurrence of such event) to the extent that the Administrator deems the action necessary to permit the Participant to realize the benefits intended to be conveyed with respect to the underlying shares. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrator may deem an acceleration and/or termination to occur immediately prior to the applicable event and, in such circumstances, will reinstate the original terms of the award if an event giving rise to an acceleration and/or termination does not occur.
- (f) Without limiting the generality of Section 3.4, any good faith determination by the Administrator pursuant to its authority under this Section 7.2 shall be conclusive and binding on all persons.
- (g) The Administrator may override the provisions of this Section 7.2 by express provision in the Award Agreement and may accord any Eligible Person a right to refuse any acceleration, whether pursuant to the Award Agreement or otherwise, in such circumstances as the Administrator may approve. The portion of any ISO accelerated in connection with an event referred to in this Section 7.2 (or such other circumstances as may trigger accelerated vesting of the award) shall remain exercisable as an ISO only to the extent the applicable \$100,000 limitation on ISOs is not exceeded. To the extent exceeded, the accelerated portion of the option shall be exercisable as a nonqualified stock option under the Code.

8. OTHER PROVISIONS

- 8.1 *Compliance with Laws.*** This Plan, the granting and vesting of awards under this Plan, the offer, issuance and delivery of shares of Common Stock, and/or the payment of money under this Plan or under awards are subject to compliance with all applicable federal, state, local and foreign laws, rules and regulations (including, but not limited to, state and federal securities law and federal margin requirements) and to such approvals by any listing, regulatory or governmental authority as may, in the opinion of counsel for the Corporation, be necessary or advisable in connection therewith. The person acquiring any securities under this Plan will, if requested by the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries, provide such assurances and representations to the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries as the Administrator may deem necessary or desirable to assure compliance with all applicable legal and accounting requirements.
- 8.2 *No Rights to Award.*** No person shall have any claim or rights to be granted an award (or additional awards, as the case may be) under this Plan, subject to any express contractual rights (set forth in a document other than this Plan) to the contrary.
- 8.3 *No Employment/Service Contract.*** Nothing contained in this Plan (or in any other documents under this Plan or in any award) shall confer upon any Eligible Person or other Participant any right to continue in the employ or other service of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries, constitute any contract or agreement of employment or other service or affect an employee's status as an employee at will, nor shall interfere in any way with the right of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries to change a person's compensation or other benefits, or to terminate his or her employment or other service, with or without cause. Nothing in this Section 8.3, however, is intended to adversely affect any express independent right of such person under a separate employment or service contract other than an Award Agreement.
- 8.4 *Plan Not Funded.*** Awards payable under this Plan shall be payable in shares or from the general assets of the Corporation, and no special or separate reserve, fund or deposit shall be made to assure payment of such awards. No Participant, beneficiary or other person shall have any right, title or interest in any fund or in any specific asset (including shares of Common Stock, except as expressly otherwise provided) of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries by reason of any award hereunder. Neither the provisions of this Plan (or of any related documents), nor the creation or adoption of this Plan, nor any action taken pursuant to the provisions of this Plan shall create, or be construed to

create, a trust of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries and any Participant, beneficiary or other person. To the extent that a Participant, beneficiary or other person acquires a right to receive payment pursuant to any award hereunder, such right shall be no greater than the right of any unsecured general creditor of the Corporation.

8.5 Tax Withholding. Upon any exercise, vesting, or payment of any award, or upon the disposition of shares of Common Stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of an ISO prior to satisfaction of the holding period requirements of Section 422 of the Code, or upon any other tax withholding event with respect to any award, arrangements satisfactory to the Corporation shall be made to provide for any taxes the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries may be required or permitted to withhold with respect to such award event or payment. Such arrangements may include (but are not limited to) any one of (or a combination of) the following:

- (a) The Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries shall have the right to require the Participant (or the Participant's personal representative or beneficiary, as the case may be) to pay or provide for payment of the amount of any taxes which the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries may be required or permitted to withhold with respect to such award event or payment.
- (b) The Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries shall have the right to deduct from any amount otherwise payable in cash (whether related to the award or otherwise) to the Participant (or the Participant's personal representative or beneficiary, as the case may be) the amount of any taxes which the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries may be required or permitted to withhold with respect to such award event or payment.
- (c) In any case where a tax is required to be withheld in connection with the delivery of shares of Common Stock under this Plan, the Administrator may in its sole discretion (subject to Section 8.1) require or grant (either at the time of the award or thereafter) to the Participant the right to elect, pursuant to such rules and subject to such conditions as the Administrator may establish, that the Corporation reduce the number of shares to be delivered by (or otherwise reacquire) the appropriate number of shares, valued in a consistent manner at their Fair Market Value or at the sales price in accordance with authorized procedures for cashless exercises, necessary to satisfy any applicable withholding obligation on exercise, vesting or payment.

8.6 Effective Date, Termination and Suspension, Amendments.

8.6.1 Effective Date. This Plan is effective as of [], 2022, the date of its approval by the Board (the "Effective Date"). This Plan shall be submitted for and subject to stockholder approval no later than twelve months after the Effective Date. Unless earlier terminated by the Board and subject to any extension that may be approved by stockholders, this Plan shall terminate at the close of business on the day before the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date. After the termination of this Plan either upon such stated termination date or its earlier termination by the Board, no additional awards may be granted under this Plan, but previously granted awards (and the authority of the Administrator with respect thereto, including the authority to amend such awards) shall remain outstanding in accordance with their applicable terms and conditions and the terms and conditions of this Plan.

8.6.2 Board Authorization. The Board may, at any time, terminate or, from time to time, amend, modify or suspend this Plan, in whole or in part. No awards may be granted during any period that the Board suspends this Plan.

8.6.3 Stockholder Approval. To the extent then required by applicable law or deemed necessary or advisable by the Board, any amendment to this Plan shall be subject to stockholder approval.

8.6.4 Amendments to Awards. Without limiting any other express authority of the Administrator under (but subject to) the express limits of this Plan, the Administrator by agreement or resolution may waive conditions of or limitations on awards to Participants that the Administrator in the prior exercise of its discretion has imposed, without the consent of a Participant, and (subject to the requirements of Sections 3.2 and 8.6.5) may make other

changes to the terms and conditions of awards. Any amendment or other action that would constitute a repricing of an award is subject to the no-repricing provision of Section 3.3.

8.6.5 *Limitations on Amendments to Plan and Awards.* No amendment, suspension or termination of this Plan or amendment of any outstanding Award Agreement shall, without written consent of the Participant, affect in any manner materially adverse to the Participant any rights or benefits of the Participant or obligations of the Corporation under any award granted under this Plan prior to the effective date of such change. Changes, settlements and other actions contemplated by Section 7 shall not be deemed to constitute changes or amendments for purposes of this Section 8.6.

8.7 *Privileges of Stock Ownership.* Except as otherwise expressly authorized by the Administrator, a Participant shall not be entitled to any privilege of stock ownership as to any shares of Common Stock not actually delivered to and held of record by the Participant. Except as expressly required by Section 7.1 or otherwise expressly provided by the Administrator, no adjustment will be made for dividends or other rights as a stockholder for which a record date is prior to such date of delivery.

8.8 *Governing Law; Severability.*

8.8.1 *Choice of Law.* This Plan, the awards, all documents evidencing awards and all other related documents shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, notwithstanding any Delaware or other conflict of law provision to the contrary.

8.8.2 *Severability.* If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision invalid and unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Plan shall continue in effect.

8.8.3 *Construction.* It is the intent of the Corporation that the awards granted hereunder (and transactions permitted by such awards) will not result in the imposition of any tax liability pursuant to Section 409A of the Code and that, in the case of Participants who are or may be subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, that such awards and transactions qualify, to the maximum extent compatible with the express terms of the award, for exemption from matching liability under Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act. The provisions of this Plan and any applicable Award Agreement or other relevant document shall be construed and interpreted consistent with that intent.

8.9 *Captions.* Captions and headings are given to the sections and subsections of this Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. Such headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction or interpretation of this Plan or any provision thereof.

8.10 *Stock-Based Awards in Substitution for Stock Options or Awards Granted by Other Corporation.* Awards may be granted to Eligible Persons in substitution for or in connection with an assumption of employee stock options, SARs, restricted stock or other stock-based awards granted by other entities to persons who are or who will become Eligible Persons in respect of the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries, in connection with a distribution, merger or other reorganization by or with the granting entity or an affiliated entity, or the acquisition by the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries, directly or indirectly, of all or a substantial part of the stock or assets of the employing entity. The awards so granted need not comply with other specific terms of this Plan, provided the awards reflect adjustments giving effect to the assumption or substitution consistent with any conversion applicable to the common stock (or the securities otherwise subject to the award) in the transaction and any change in the issuer of the security. Any shares that are delivered and any awards that are granted by, or become obligations of, the Corporation, as a result of the assumption by the Corporation of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted or assumed by an acquired company (or previously granted or assumed by a predecessor employer (or direct or indirect parent thereof) in the case of persons that become employed by the Corporation or one of its Subsidiaries in connection with a business or asset acquisition or similar

transaction) shall not be counted against the Share Limit or other limits on the number of shares available for issuance under this Plan.

- 8.11 *Non-Exclusivity of Plan.*** Nothing in this Plan shall limit or be deemed to limit the authority of the Board or the Administrator to grant awards or authorize any other compensation, with or without reference to the Common Stock, under any other plan or authority.
- 8.12 *No Corporate Action Restriction.*** The existence of this Plan, the Award Agreements and the awards granted hereunder shall not limit, affect, or restrict in any way the right or power of the Corporation or any Subsidiary (or any of their respective shareholders, boards of directors or committees thereof (or any subcommittees), as the case may be) to make or authorize: (a) any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the capital structure or business of the Corporation or any Subsidiary, (b) any merger, amalgamation, consolidation or change in the ownership of the Corporation or any Subsidiary, (c) any issue of bonds, debentures, capital, preferred or prior preference stock ahead of or affecting the capital stock (or the rights thereof) of the Corporation or any Subsidiary, (d) any dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation or any Subsidiary, (e) any sale or transfer of all or any part of the assets or business of the Corporation or any Subsidiary, (f) any other award, grant, or payment of incentives or other compensation under any other plan or authority (or any other action with respect to any benefit, incentive or compensation), or (g) any other corporate act or proceeding by the Corporation or any Subsidiary. No Participant, beneficiary or any other person shall have any claim under any award or Award Agreement against any member of the Board or the Administrator, or the Corporation or any employees, officers or agents of the Corporation or any Subsidiary, as a result of any such action. Awards need not be structured so as to be deductible for tax purposes.
- 8.13 *Other Company Benefit and Compensation Programs.*** Payments and other benefits received by a Participant under an award made pursuant to this Plan shall not be deemed a part of a Participant's compensation for purposes of the determination of benefits under any other employee welfare or benefit plans or arrangements, if any, provided by the Corporation or any Subsidiary, except where the Administrator expressly otherwise provides or authorizes in writing. Awards under this Plan may be made in addition to, in combination with, as alternatives to or in payment of grants, awards or commitments under any other plans, arrangements or authority of the Corporation or its Subsidiaries.
- 8.14 *Clawback Policy.*** The awards granted under this Plan are subject to the terms of the Corporation's recoupment, clawback or similar policy as it may be in effect from time to time, as well as any similar provisions of applicable law, any of which could in certain circumstances require repayment or forfeiture of awards or any shares of Common Stock or other cash or property received with respect to the awards (including any value received from a disposition of the shares acquired upon payment of the awards).

**DRAGONFLY ENERGY HOLDINGS CORP.
EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Plan is to assist Eligible Employees in acquiring a stock ownership interest in the Corporation, at a favorable price and upon favorable terms, pursuant to a plan which is intended to qualify as an “employee stock purchase plan” under Section 423 of the Code. This Plan is also intended to encourage Eligible Employees to remain in the employ of the Corporation (or a Subsidiary which may be designated by the Committee as a “Participating Subsidiary”) and to provide them with an additional incentive to advance the best interests of the Corporation.

2. DEFINITIONS

Capitalized terms used herein which are not otherwise defined shall have the following meanings.

“**Account**” means the bookkeeping account maintained by the Corporation, or by a recordkeeper on behalf of the Corporation, for a Participant pursuant to Section 7(a).

“**Board**” means the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

“**Code**” means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

“**Commission**” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“**Committee**” means the committee appointed by the Board to administer this Plan pursuant to Section 12.

“**Common Stock**” means the common stock, par value [\$0.] per share, of the Corporation, and such other securities or property as may become the subject of Options pursuant to an adjustment made under Section 17.

“**Compensation**” means an Eligible Employee’s regular gross pay. Compensation includes any amounts contributed as salary reduction contributions to a plan qualifying under Section 401(k), 125 or 129 of the Code. Any other form of remuneration is excluded from Compensation, including (but not limited to) the following: severance pay, overtime payments, commissions, prizes, awards, relocation or housing allowances, stock option exercises, stock appreciation right payments, the vesting or grant of restricted stock, the payment of stock units, performance awards, auto allowances, tuition reimbursement, perquisites, non-cash compensation and other forms of imputed income, bonuses, incentive compensation, special payments, fees and allowances. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Compensation shall not include any amounts deferred under or paid from any nonqualified deferred compensation plan maintained by the Corporation or any Subsidiary.

“**Contributions**” means all bookkeeping amounts credited to the Account of a Participant pursuant to Section 7(a).

“**Corporation**” means Dragonfly Energy Holdings Corp., Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its successors.

“**Effective Date**” means [], 2022, the date this Plan was adopted by the Board.

“**Eligible Employee**” means any employee of the Corporation, or of any Subsidiary which has been designated in writing by the Committee as a “Participating Subsidiary” (including any Subsidiaries which have become such after the date that this Plan is approved by the stockholders of the Corporation). Notwithstanding the foregoing and unless otherwise provided by the Committee in advance of the applicable Offering Period, “Eligible Employee” shall not include any employee:

- (a) whose customary employment is for not more than five (5) months in a calendar year; or
- (b) whose customary employment is for twenty (20) hours or less per week.

“**Exchange Act**” means the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.

“**Exercise Date**” means, with respect to an Offering Period, the last day of that Offering Period.

“**Fair Market Value**” on any date means:

- (a) if the Common Stock is listed or admitted to trade on a national securities exchange, the closing price of a share of Common Stock on such date on the principal national securities exchange on which the Common Stock is so listed or admitted to trade, or, if there is no trading of the Common Stock on such date, then the closing price of a share of Common Stock on such exchange on the last day preceding such date on which there was trading in the shares of Common Stock;
- (b) in the absence of exchange data required to determine Fair Market Value pursuant to the foregoing, the value as established by the Committee as of the relevant time for purposes of this Plan.

“**Grant Date**” means the first day of each Offering Period, as determined by the Committee and announced to potential Eligible Employees.

“**Individual Limit**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 4(b).

“**New Exercise Date**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 18.

“**Offering Period**” means the period of six (6) consecutive months commencing on each Grant Date; provided, however, that the Committee may declare, as it deems appropriate and in advance of the applicable Offering Period, a shorter (not to be less than three months) Offering Period or a longer (not to exceed 27 months) Offering Period; provided, further, that the Committee may provide, as it deems appropriate and in advance of the applicable Offering Period, that such Offering Period will consist of multiple “purchase periods,” with an Exercise Date to occur at the end of each such purchase period. In no event will the Grant Date for an Offering Period occur on or before the Exercise Date (or the final Exercise Date, as the case may be) for the immediately preceding Offering Period.

“**Option**” means the stock option to acquire shares of Common Stock granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 8.

“**Option Price**” means the per share exercise price of an Option as determined in accordance with Section 8(b).

“**Parent**” means any corporation (other than the Corporation) in an unbroken chain of corporations ending with the Corporation in which each corporation (other than the Corporation) owns stock possessing 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one or more of the other corporations in the chain.

“**Participant**” means an Eligible Employee who has elected to participate in this Plan and who has filed a valid and effective Subscription Agreement to make Contributions pursuant to Section 6.

“**Participating Subsidiary**” means any Subsidiary that has been designated in writing by the Committee as a Participating Subsidiary for purposes of this Plan.

“**Plan**” means this [NEWCO], Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended from time to time.

“**Rule 16b-3**” means Rule 16b-3 as promulgated by the Commission under Section 16, as amended from time to time.

“**Share Limit**” has the meaning given to such term in Section 4(a).

“**Subscription Agreement**” means the written enrollment agreement or applicable electronic form of enrollment agreement filed by an Eligible Employee with the Corporation (or its designee) pursuant to Section 6 to participate in this Plan.

“**Subsidiary**” means any corporation (other than the Corporation) in an unbroken chain of corporations (beginning with the Corporation) in which each corporation (other than the last corporation) owns stock possessing 50% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one or more of the other corporations in the chain.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Any person employed as an Eligible Employee as of a Grant Date shall be eligible to participate in this Plan during the Offering Period in which such Grant Date occurs, subject to the Eligible Employee satisfying the requirements of Section 6.

4. STOCK SUBJECT TO THIS PLAN; SHARE LIMITATIONS

- (a) *Aggregate Share Limit.* Subject to the provisions of Section 17, the capital stock that may be delivered under this Plan will be shares of the Corporation’s authorized but unissued Common Stock and any of its shares of Common Stock held as treasury shares. The maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be delivered pursuant to Options granted under this Plan is [] shares, subject to adjustments pursuant to Section 17 (the “**Share Limit**”).

In addition, subject to adjustments pursuant to Section 17, the Share Limit shall automatically increase on the first trading day in January of each of the calendar years during the term of this Plan, with the first such increase to occur in January 2023, by an amount equal to the lesser of (i) one percent (1%) of the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding on December 31 of the immediately preceding calendar year, (ii) [] shares of Common Stock, or (iii) such number of shares of Common Stock as may be established by the Board.

In the event that during a particular Offering Period all of the shares of Common Stock made available under this Plan are subscribed prior to the expiration of this Plan, this Plan and all outstanding Options hereunder shall terminate at the end of that Offering Period and the shares available shall be allocated for purchase by Participants in that Offering Period on a pro-rata basis determined with respect to Participants’ Account balances.

- (b) *Individual Share Limit.* The maximum number of shares of Common Stock that any one individual may acquire upon exercise of his or her Option with respect to any one Offering Period is [] shares, subject to adjustments pursuant to Section 17 (the “**Individual Limit**”); provided, however, that the Committee may amend such Individual Limit, effective no earlier than the first Offering Period commencing after the adoption of such amendment, without stockholder approval. The Individual Limit shall be proportionately adjusted for any Offering Period of less than six months, and may, at the discretion of the Committee, be proportionately increased for any Offering Period of greater than six months.
- (c) *Shares Not Actually Delivered.* Shares that are subject to or underlie Options, which for any reason are cancelled or terminated, are forfeited, fail to vest, or for any other reason are not paid or delivered under this Plan shall again, except to the extent prohibited by law, be available for subsequent Options under this Plan.

5. OFFERING PERIODS

During the term of this Plan, the Corporation will offer Options to purchase Shares in each Offering Period to all Participants in that Offering Period. Unless otherwise specified by the Committee in advance of the Offering Period, Offering Periods will be of six (6) months duration. The Committee will specify, in advance of each Offering Period, the Grant Date of that Offering Period. Each Option shall become effective on the Grant Date of that Offering Period. The term of each Option shall be the duration of the related Offering Period and shall end on the Exercise Date of that Offering Period. Offering Periods shall continue until this Plan is terminated in accordance with Section 18 or 19, or, if earlier, until no Shares remain available for Options pursuant to Section 4.

6. PARTICIPATION

- (a) *Enrollment.* An Eligible Employee may become a Participant in this Plan by completing a Subscription Agreement on a form approved by and in a manner prescribed by the Committee (or its delegate). To become effective, a Subscription Agreement must be signed by the Eligible Employee and filed with the Corporation (or its designee) at the time specified by the Committee, but in all cases prior to the start of the Offering Period with respect to which it is to become effective, and must set forth a whole percentage (or, if the Committee so provides, a stated amount) of the Eligible Employee's Compensation to be credited to the Participant's Account as Contributions each pay period.
- (b) *Contribution Limits.* Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant's Contribution election shall be subject to the following limitations:
 - (i) the \$25,000 annual limitation set forth in Section 8(c);
 - (ii) a Participant may not elect to contribute less than one percent (1%) or more than fifteen percent (15%) of his or her Compensation each pay period as Plan Contributions; and
 - (iii) such other limits, rules, or procedures as the Committee may prescribe.
- (c) *Content and Duration of Subscription Agreements.* Subscription Agreements shall contain the Eligible Employee's authorization and consent to the Corporation's withholding from his or her Compensation the amount of his or her Contributions. An Eligible Employee's Subscription Agreement, and his or her participation election and withholding consent thereon, shall remain valid for all Offering Periods until (i) the Eligible Employee's participation terminates pursuant to the terms hereof, (ii) the Eligible Employee files a new Subscription Agreement that becomes effective, or (iii) the Committee requires that a new Subscription Agreement be executed and filed with the Corporation.

7. METHOD OF PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

- (a) *Participation Account.* The Corporation shall maintain on its books, or cause to be maintained by a recordkeeper, an Account in the name of each Participant. The percentage (or amount, as applicable) of Compensation elected to be applied as Contributions by a Participant shall be deducted from such Participant's Compensation on each payday during the period for payroll deductions set forth below and such payroll deductions shall be credited to that Participant's Account as soon as administratively practicable after such date. A Participant may not make any additional payments to his or her Account. A Participant's Account shall be reduced by any amounts used to pay the Option Price of shares acquired, or by any other amounts distributed pursuant to the terms hereof.
- (b) *Commencement of Payroll Deductions.* Payroll deductions with respect to an Offering Period shall commence as of the first day of the payroll period which coincides with or immediately follows the applicable Grant Date and shall end on the last day of the payroll period which coincides with or immediately precedes the applicable Exercise Date, unless sooner terminated by the Participant as provided in this Section 7 or until his or her Plan participation terminates pursuant to Section 11.
- (c) *Withdrawal During an Offering Period.* A Participant may terminate his or her Contributions during an Offering Period (and receive a distribution of the balance of his or her Account in accordance with Section 11) by completing and filing with the Corporation (or its designee), in such form and on such terms as the Committee (or its delegate) may prescribe, a written withdrawal form or applicable electronic withdrawal form which shall be completed by the Participant. Such termination shall be effective as soon as administratively practicable after its receipt by the Corporation. A withdrawal election pursuant to this Section 7(c) with respect to an Offering Period shall only be effective, however, if it is received by the Corporation prior to the Exercise Date of that Offering Period (or such earlier deadline that the Committee may reasonably require to process the withdrawal prior to the Exercise Date). Partial withdrawals of Accounts, and other modifications or suspensions of Subscription Agreements, except as provided in Section 7(d) or 7(e), are not permitted.

- (d) *Change in Contribution Elections for the Following Offering Period.* A Participant may discontinue, increase, or decrease the level of his or her Contributions (within Plan limits) by completing and filing with the Corporation (or its designee), on such terms as the Committee (or its delegate) may prescribe, a new Subscription Agreement which indicates such election. Subject to any additional timing requirements that the Committee may impose, an election pursuant to this Section 7(d) shall be effective with the first Offering Period that commences after the Corporation's receipt of such election.
- (e) *Discontinuing Contributions During an Offering Period.* A Participant may discontinue his or her Contributions (but not increase or otherwise decrease the level of his or her Contributions) during an Offering Period, by filing with the Corporation (or its designee), on such terms as the Committee (or its delegate) may prescribe, a new Subscription Agreement which indicates such election. An election pursuant to this Section 7(e) shall be effective no earlier than the first payroll period that starts after the Corporation's receipt of such election. If a Participant elects to discontinue his or her Contributions pursuant to this Section 7(e), the Contributions previously credited to the Participant's Account for that Offering Period shall be used to exercise the Participant's Option as of the applicable Exercise Date in accordance with Section 9 (unless the Participant makes a timely withdrawal election in accordance with Section 7(c), in which case the Participant's Account will be paid to him or her in cash in accordance with Section 11(a)).

8. GRANT OF OPTION

- (a) *Grant Date; Number of Shares.* On each Grant Date, each Eligible Employee who is a Participant during that Offering Period shall be granted an Option to purchase a number of shares of Common Stock. The Option shall be exercised on the Exercise Date. The number of shares subject to the Option shall be determined by dividing the Participant's Account balance as of the applicable Exercise Date by the Option Price.
- (b) *Option Price.* The Option Price per share of the shares subject to an Option for an Offering Period shall be the lesser of: (i) 85% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Grant Date of that Offering Period; or (ii) 85% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Exercise Date of that Offering Period; provided, however, that the Committee may provide prior to the start of any Offering Period that the Option Price for that Offering Period shall be determined by applying a discount amount (not to exceed 15%) to either (1) the Fair Market Value of Common Shares on the Grant Date of the Offering Period, or (2) the Fair Market Value of Common Shares on the Exercise Date of that Offering Period, or (3) the lesser of the Fair Market Value of Common Shares on the Grant Date of the Offering Period or the Fair Market Value of Common Shares on the Exercise Date of that Offering Period (or, for purposes of the foregoing clauses (2) and (3), the applicable Exercise Date of that Offering Period, as the case may be). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding provisions of this Section 8(b), in no event shall the Option Price per share be less than the par value of a share of Common Stock.
- (c) *Limits on Share Purchases.* Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, a person who is otherwise an Eligible Employee shall not be granted any Option (or any Option granted shall be subject to compliance with the following limitations) or other right to purchase shares under this Plan to the extent:
 - (i) it would, if exercised, cause the person to own stock (within the meaning of Section 423(b)(3) of the Code) possessing 5% or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of the Corporation, or of any Parent, or of any Subsidiary; or
 - (ii) such Option causes such individual to have rights to purchase stock under this Plan and any other plan of the Corporation, any Parent, or any Subsidiary which is qualified under Section 423 of the Code which accrue at a rate which exceeds \$25,000 of the fair market value of the stock of the Corporation, of any Parent, or of any Subsidiary (determined at the time the right to purchase such stock is granted, before giving effect to any discounted purchase price under any such plan) for each calendar year in which such right is outstanding at any time.

For purposes of the foregoing, a right to purchase stock accrues when it first becomes exercisable during the calendar year. In determining whether the stock ownership of an Eligible Employee equals or exceeds the 5% limit set forth above, the rules of Section 424(d) of the Code (relating to attribution of stock ownership) shall apply, and stock which the Eligible Employee may purchase under outstanding options shall be treated as stock owned by the Eligible Employee.

9. EXERCISE OF OPTION

Unless a Participant withdraws from an Offering Period pursuant to Section 7(c) or the Participant's Plan participation is terminated as provided in Section 11, his or her Option for the purchase of shares shall be exercised automatically on the Exercise Date for that Offering Period, without any further action on the Participant's part, and the maximum number of whole shares subject to such Option (subject to the Individual Limit set forth in Section 4(b) and the limitations contained in Section 8(c)) shall be purchased at the Option Price with the balance of such Participant's Account.

If any amount which is not sufficient to purchase a whole share remains in a Participant's Account after the exercise of his or her Option on the Exercise Date, such amount shall be refunded to such Participant as soon as administratively practicable after such date; provided that the Committee may provide in advance of an Offering Period for any such amount with respect to that Offering Period to be credited to the Participant's Account for the next Offering Period, if he or she is a Participant in such next Offering Period.

If the Share Limit of Section 4(a) is reached, any amount that remains in a Participant's Account after the exercise of his or her Option on the Exercise Date to purchase the number of Shares that he or she is allocated shall be refunded to the Participant as soon as administratively practicable after such date.

If any amount which exceeds the Individual Limit set forth in Section 4(b) or one of the limitations set forth in Section 8(c) remains in a Participant's Account after the exercise of his or her Option on the Exercise Date, such amount shall be refunded to the Participant as soon as administratively practicable after such date.

10. DELIVERY OF SHARES

As soon as administratively practicable after the Exercise Date, the Corporation shall, in its discretion, either deliver to each Participant a certificate representing the shares of Common Stock purchased upon exercise of his or her Option, provide for the crediting of such shares in book entry form in the name of the Participant, or provide for an alternative arrangement for the delivery of such shares to a broker or recordkeeping service for the benefit of the Participant. In the event the Corporation is required to obtain from any commission or agency authority to issue any such certificate or otherwise deliver such shares, the Corporation will seek to obtain such authority. If the Corporation is unable to obtain from any such commission or agency authority which counsel for the Corporation deems necessary for the lawful issuance of any such certificate or other delivery of such shares, or if for any other reason the Corporation cannot issue or deliver shares of Common Stock and satisfy Section 21, the Corporation shall be relieved from liability to any Participant except that the Corporation shall return to each Participant to whom such shares cannot be issued or delivered the amount of the balance credited to his or her Account that would have otherwise been used for the purchase of such shares.

11. TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT; CHANGE IN ELIGIBLE STATUS

- (a) *General.* Except as provided in the next paragraph, if a Participant ceases to be an Eligible Employee for any reason at any time prior to the last day of an Offering Period in which he or she participates, or if the Participant timely elects to terminate Contributions and withdraw from the Plan pursuant to Section 7(c), such Participant's Account shall be paid to him or her (or, in the event of the Participant's death, to the person or persons entitled thereto under Section 13) in cash, and such Participant's Option and participation in the Plan shall be automatically terminated.
- (b) *Change in Employment Status or Leave of Absence.* If a Participant (i) ceases to be an Eligible Employee during an Offering Period but remains an employee of the Corporation or a Participating Subsidiary through the Exercise Date, or (ii) during an Offering Period commences a sick leave, military leave, or other leave of absence approved by the Corporation or a Participating Subsidiary, and the leave meets the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.421-1(h)(2) and the

Participant is an employee of the Corporation or a Participating Subsidiary or on such leave through the applicable Exercise Date, such Participant's Contributions shall cease, and the Contributions previously credited to the Participant's Account for that Offering Period shall be used to exercise the Participant's Option as of the applicable Exercise Date in accordance with Section 9 (unless the Participant makes a timely election to terminate Contributions and withdraw from the Plan in accordance with Section 7(c), in which case such Participant's Account shall be paid to him or her in cash in accordance with Section 11(a).

- (c) *Re-Enrollment.* A Participant's termination from Plan participation precludes the Participant from again participating in this Plan during that Offering Period. However, such termination shall not have any effect upon his or her ability to participate in any succeeding Offering Period, provided that the applicable eligibility and participation requirements are again then met. A Participant's termination from Plan participation shall be deemed to be a revocation of that Participant's Subscription Agreement and such Participant must file a new Subscription Agreement to resume Plan participation in any succeeding Offering Period.
- (d) *Change in Subsidiary Status.* For purposes of this Plan, if a Participating Subsidiary ceases to be a Subsidiary, each person employed by that Subsidiary will be deemed to have terminated employment for purposes of this Plan and will no longer be an Eligible Employee, unless the person continues as an Eligible Employee in respect of the Corporation or another Participating Subsidiary.

12. ADMINISTRATION

- (a) *The Committee.* The Board shall appoint the Committee, which shall be composed of not less than two members of the Board. Subject to the preceding sentence, the Board may, at any time, increase or decrease the number of members of the Committee, may remove from membership on the Committee all or any portion of its members, and may appoint such person or persons as it desires to fill any vacancy existing on the Committee, whether caused by removal, resignation, or otherwise. The Board may also, at any time, assume or change the administration of this Plan.
- (b) *Powers and Duties of the Committee.* The Committee shall administer this Plan and shall have full power and discretion to adopt, amend and rescind any rules it considers desirable and appropriate for the administration of this Plan and not inconsistent with the terms of this Plan (including, without limitation, rules and deadlines for making elections under the Plan, which deadlines may be more restrictive than the deadlines otherwise set forth in this Plan), to further define the terms used in this Plan, and to make all other determinations necessary or advisable for the administration of this Plan or the effectuation of its purposes. The Committee shall act by majority vote or by unanimous written consent. No member of the Committee shall be entitled to act on or decide any matter relating solely to himself or herself or solely to any of his or her rights or benefits under this Plan. The Committee shall have full power and discretionary authority to construe and interpret the terms and conditions of this Plan and any agreements defining the rights and obligations of the Corporation, any Subsidiary, and any Participant or other person under this Plan, which construction or interpretation shall be final and binding on all parties including the Corporation, Subsidiaries, Participants and beneficiaries. Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Plan to the contrary, the Committee may also adopt rules, procedures, separate offerings, or sub-plans applicable to particular Subsidiaries or locations, which separate offerings or sub-plans may be designed to be outside the scope of Section 423 of the Code and need not comply with the otherwise applicable provisions of this Plan. The Committee may delegate ministerial non-discretionary functions to third parties, including individuals who are officers or employees of the Corporation or Participating Subsidiaries.
- (c) *Decisions of the Committee are Binding; Reliance on Experts.* Subject only to compliance with the express provisions hereof, the Board and Committee may act in their absolute discretion in matters within their authority related to this Plan. Any action taken by, or inaction of, the Corporation, any Participating Subsidiary, the Board or the Committee relating or pursuant to this Plan and within its authority hereunder or under applicable law shall be within the absolute discretion of that entity or body and shall be conclusive and binding upon all persons. In making any determination or in taking or not taking any action under this Plan, the Board or Committee, as the case may be, may obtain

and may rely on the advice of experts, including professional advisors to the Corporation. No member of the Board or Committee, or officer or agent of the Corporation, will be liable for any action, omission or decision under the Plan taken, made or omitted in good faith.

- (d) *Indemnification.* Neither the Board nor any Committee, nor any member thereof or person acting at the direction thereof, shall be liable for any act, omission, interpretation, construction or determination made in good faith in connection with this Plan, and all such persons shall be entitled to indemnification and reimbursement by the Corporation in respect of any claim, loss, damage or expense (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) arising or resulting therefrom to the fullest extent permitted by law and/or under any directors and officers liability insurance coverage that may be in effect from time to time.

13. DEATH BENEFITS

In the event of the death of a Participant, the Corporation shall deliver such shares and/or cash payable pursuant to the terms hereof to the executor or administrator of the estate of the Participant, or if no such executor or administrator has been appointed (to the knowledge of the Corporation), the Corporation, in its sole discretion, may deliver such shares and/or cash to the spouse or to any one or more dependents or relatives of the Participant, or if no spouse, dependent or relative is known to the Corporation, then to such other person as the Corporation may designate.

14. TRANSFERABILITY

Neither Contributions credited to a Participant's Account nor any Options or rights with respect to the exercise of Options or right to receive shares under this Plan may be anticipated, alienated, encumbered, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise disposed of in any way (other than by will, the laws of descent and distribution, or as provided in Section 13) by the Participant. Any such attempt at anticipation, alienation, encumbrance, assignment, transfer, pledge or other disposition shall be without effect and all amounts shall be paid and all shares shall be delivered in accordance with the provisions of this Plan. Amounts payable or shares deliverable pursuant to this Plan shall be paid or delivered only to (or credited in the name of, as the case may be) the Participant or, in the event of the Participant's death, as provided in Section 13.

The Corporation may require a Participant to hold any shares the Participant acquires under this Plan in a brokerage account identified by the Corporation until the date the shares are transferred, sold or otherwise disposed of in any way by the Participant, or such earlier time as the Corporation may determine.

15. USE OF FUNDS; INTEREST

All Contributions received or held by the Corporation under this Plan will be included in the general assets of the Corporation and may be used for any corporate purpose. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein to the contrary, no interest will be paid to any Participant or credited to his or her Account under this Plan (in respect of Account balances, refunds of Account balances, or otherwise).

16. REPORTS

Statements shall be provided or made available (in writing or electronically) to Participants as soon as administratively practicable following each Exercise Date. Each Participant's statement shall set forth, as of such Exercise Date, that Participant's Account balance immediately prior to the exercise of his or her Option, the Option Price, the number of whole shares purchased and his or her remaining Account balance, if any.

17. ADJUSTMENTS OF AND CHANGES IN THE STOCK

Upon or in contemplation of any reclassification, recapitalization, stock split (including a stock split in the form of a stock dividend), or reverse stock split; any merger, combination, consolidation, or other reorganization; split-up, spin-off, or any similar extraordinary dividend distribution in respect of the Common Stock (whether in the form of securities or property); any exchange of Common Stock or other securities of the Corporation, or any similar, unusual or extraordinary corporate transaction in respect of the Common Stock; or a sale of substantially all the assets of the Corporation as an entirety occurs; then the Committee shall, in such manner, to such extent (if any) and at such time as it deems appropriate and equitable in the circumstances:

- (a) proportionately adjust any or all of (i) the number and type of shares of Common Stock or the number and type of other securities that thereafter may be made the subject of Options (including the specific maxima and numbers of shares set forth elsewhere in this Plan), (ii) the number, amount and type of shares (or other securities or property) subject to any or all outstanding Options, (iii) the Option Price of any or all outstanding Options, or (iv) the securities, cash or other property deliverable upon exercise of any outstanding Options, in each case to the extent necessary to preserve (but not increase) the level of incentives intended by this Plan and the then-outstanding Options; or
- (b) make provision for a cash payment in settlement of, or for the substitution or exchange of, any or all outstanding Options or the cash, securities or property deliverable to the holder of any or all outstanding Options based upon the distribution or consideration payable to holders of the Common Stock upon or in respect of such event.

The Committee may adopt such valuation methodologies for outstanding Options as it deems reasonable in the event of a cash or property settlement and, without limitation on other methodologies, may base such settlement solely upon the excess (if any) of the amount payable upon or in respect of such event over the Option Price of the Option.

In any of such events, the Committee may take such action sufficiently prior to such event to the extent that the Committee deems the action necessary to permit the Participant to realize the benefits intended to be conveyed with respect to the underlying shares in the same manner as is or will be available to stockholders generally.

Without limiting the generality of Section 12, any good faith determination by the Committee as to whether an adjustment is required in the circumstances pursuant to this Section 17, and the extent and nature of any such adjustment, shall be conclusive and binding on all persons.

18. POSSIBLE EARLY TERMINATION OF PLAN AND OPTIONS

Upon a dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation, or any other event described in Section 17 that the Corporation does not survive, or does not survive as a publicly-traded company in respect of its Shares, subject to any provision that has been expressly made by the Board for the survival, substitution, assumption, exchange or other settlement of the Options that are then outstanding under the Plan, each Offering Period then in progress shall be shortened and a new Exercise Date shall be established by the Board or the Committee (the “**New Exercise Date**”), as of which date the Plan and any Offering Period then in progress shall terminate and all then-outstanding Options under this Plan shall be automatically exercised in accordance with the terms hereof; provided, however, that the New Exercise Date shall not be more than ten (10) days before the date of the consummation of such dissolution, liquidation or other event. The Option Price on the New Exercise Date shall be determined as provided in Section 8(b), and the New Exercise Date shall be treated as the “Exercise Date” for purposes of determining such Option Price.

19. TERM OF PLAN; AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION

- (a) *Effective Date; Termination.* This Plan shall become effective as of the Effective Date. No new Offering Periods shall commence on or after the tenth (10th) anniversary of the Effective Date, and this Plan shall terminate as of the Exercise Date on or immediately following such date unless sooner terminated pursuant to Section 4, Section 18 or this Section 19.
- (b) *Board Amendment Authority.* The Board may, at any time, terminate or, from time to time, amend, modify or suspend this Plan, in whole or in part, without notice. Stockholder approval for any amendment or modification shall not be required, except to the extent required by law or applicable stock exchange rules, or required under Section 423 of the Code in order to preserve the intended tax consequences of this Plan. No Options may be granted during any suspension of this Plan or after the termination of this Plan, but the Committee will retain jurisdiction as to Options then outstanding in accordance with the terms of this Plan. No amendment, modification, or termination pursuant to this Section 19(b) shall, without written consent of the Participant, affect in any manner materially adverse to the Participant any rights or benefits of such Participant or obligations of the Corporation under any Option granted under this Plan prior to the effective date of such change. Changes contemplated by Section 17 or Section 18 shall not be deemed to constitute changes or

amendments requiring Participant consent. Without limiting the generality of the Committee's amendment authority, the Committee shall have the right to designate from time to time the Subsidiaries whose employees may be eligible to participate in this Plan (including, without limitation, any Subsidiary that may become such after the Effective Date), to change the service and other qualification requirements set forth under the definition of Eligible Employee in Section 2, and to change the definition of Compensation set forth in Section 2 (in each case, subject to the requirements of Section 423(b) of the Code and applicable rules and regulations thereunder). Any such change shall not take effect earlier than the first Offering Period that starts on or after the effective date of such change. Any such change shall not constitute an amendment to this Plan requiring stockholder approval.

20. NOTICES

All notices or other communications by a Participant to the Corporation contemplated by this Plan shall be deemed to have been duly given when received in the form and manner specified by the Committee (or its delegate) at the location, or by the person, designated by the Committee (or its delegate) for that purpose.

21. CONDITIONS UPON ISSUANCE OF SHARES

This Plan, the granting of Options under this Plan and the offer, issuance and delivery of shares of Common Stock are subject to compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations (including but not limited to state and federal securities laws) and to such approvals by any listing, regulatory or governmental authority as may, in the opinion of counsel for the Corporation, be necessary or advisable in connection therewith. The person acquiring any securities under this Plan will, if requested by the Corporation and as a condition precedent to the exercise of his or her Option, provide such assurances and representations to the Corporation as the Committee may deem necessary or desirable to assure compliance with all applicable legal and accounting requirements.

22. PLAN CONSTRUCTION

- (a) *Section 16.* It is the intent of the Corporation that transactions involving Options under this Plan (other than "Discretionary Transactions" as that term is defined in Rule 16b-3(b)(1) promulgated by the Commission under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, to the extent there are any Discretionary Transactions under this Plan), in the case of Participants who are or may be subject to the prohibitions of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, satisfy the requirements for exemption under Rule 16b-3(c) promulgated by the Commission under Section 16 of the Exchange Act to the maximum extent possible. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation shall have no liability to any Participant for Section 16 consequences of Options or other events with respect to this Plan.
- (b) *Section 423.* Except as the Committee may expressly provide in the case of one or more separate offerings or sub-plans adopted pursuant to Section 12(b), this Plan and Options are intended to qualify under Section 423 of the Code.
- (c) *Interpretation.* If any provision of this Plan or of any Option would otherwise frustrate or conflict with the intents expressed above, that provision to the extent possible shall be interpreted so as to avoid such conflict. If the conflict remains irreconcilable, the Committee may disregard the provision if it concludes that to do so furthers the interest of the Corporation and is consistent with the purposes of this Plan as to such persons in the circumstances.

23. EMPLOYEES' RIGHTS

- (a) *No Employment Rights.* Nothing in this Plan (or in any Subscription Agreement or other document related to this Plan) will confer upon any Eligible Employee or Participant any right to continue in the employ or other service of the Corporation or any Subsidiary, constitute any contract or agreement of employment or other service or effect an employee's status as an employee at will, nor shall interfere in any way with the right of the Corporation or any Subsidiary to change such person's compensation or other benefits or to terminate his or her employment or other service, with or without cause. Nothing contained in this Section 23(a), however, is intended to adversely affect any

express independent right of any such person under a separate employment or service contract other than a Subscription Agreement.

- (b) *No Rights to Assets of the Corporation.* No Participant or other person will have any right, title or interest in any fund or in any specific asset (including shares of Common Stock) of the Corporation or any Subsidiary by reason of any Option hereunder. Neither the provisions of this Plan (or of any Subscription Agreement or other document related to this Plan), nor the creation or adoption of this Plan, nor any action taken pursuant to the provisions of this Plan will create, or be construed to create, a trust of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between the Corporation or any Subsidiary, on the one hand, and any Participant or other person, on the other hand. To the extent that a Participant or other person acquires a right to receive payment pursuant to this Plan, such right will be no greater than the right of any unsecured general creditor of the Corporation. No special or separate reserve, fund or deposit will be made to assure any such payment.
- (c) *No Stockholder Rights.* A Participant will not be entitled to any privilege of stock ownership as to any Shares not actually delivered to and held of record by the Participant. Except as expressly required by Section 17, no adjustment will be made for dividends or other rights as a stockholder for which a record date is prior to such date of delivery.

24. MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) *Governing Law; Severability.* This Plan, the Options, Subscription Agreements, and other documents related to this Plan shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware. If any provision shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid and unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Plan shall continue in effect.
- (b) *Captions and Headings.* Captions and headings are given to the sections of this Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. Such captions and headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction of interpretation of this Plan or any provision hereof.
- (c) *No Effect on Other Plans or Corporate Authority.* The adoption of this Plan shall not affect any other Corporation or Subsidiary compensation or incentive plans in effect. Nothing in this Plan will limit or be deemed to limit the authority of the Board or Committee (i) to establish any other forms of incentives or compensation for employees of the Corporation or any Subsidiary (with or without reference to the Common Stock), or (ii) to grant or assume options (outside the scope of and in addition to those contemplated by this Plan) in connection with any proper corporate purpose; to the extent consistent with any other plan or authority.
- (d) *No Effect on Other Compensation.* Benefits received by a Participant under an Option granted pursuant to this Plan shall not be deemed a part of the Participant's compensation for purposes of the determination of benefits under any other employee welfare or benefit plans or arrangements, if any, provided by the Corporation or any Subsidiary, except where the Committee or the Board (or the Board of Directors of the Subsidiary that sponsors such plan or arrangement, as applicable) expressly otherwise provides in writing.

25. STOCKHOLDER APPROVAL

Notwithstanding anything else contained herein to the contrary, the effectiveness of this Plan is subject to the approval of this Plan by the stockholders of the Corporation within twelve months after the Effective Date. No Shares shall be issued or delivered under this Plan until such stockholder approval is obtained and, if such stockholder approval is not obtained within such twelve-month period of time, all Contributions credited to a Participant's Account hereunder shall be refunded to such Participant (without interest) as soon as practicable after the end of such twelve-month period.

26. TAX WITHHOLDING

Notwithstanding anything else contained herein to the contrary, the Corporation may deduct from a Participant's Account balance as of an Exercise Date, before the exercise of the Participant's Option is given effect on such date, the amount of any taxes which the Corporation reasonably determines it or any Subsidiary may be required to withhold with respect to such exercise. In such event, the maximum number of whole

shares of Common Stock subject to such Option (subject to the other limits set forth in this Plan) shall be purchased at the Option Price with the balance of the Participant's Account (after reduction for the tax withholding amount).

Should the Corporation for any reason be unable, or elect not to, satisfy its or any Subsidiary's tax withholding obligations in the manner described in the preceding paragraph with respect to a Participant's exercise of an Option, or should the Corporation or any Subsidiary reasonably determine that it or an affiliated entity has a tax withholding obligation with respect to a disposition of shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Option prior to satisfaction of the holding period requirements of Section 423 of the Code or at any other time in respect of a Participant's participation in this Plan, the Corporation or Subsidiary, as the case may be, shall have the right at its option to (i) require the Participant to pay or provide for payment of the amount of any taxes which the Corporation or Subsidiary reasonably determines that it or any affiliate is required to withhold with respect to such event or (ii) deduct from the Participant's Account or from any amount otherwise payable to or for the account of the Participant the amount of any taxes which the Corporation or Subsidiary reasonably determines that it or an affiliate is required to withhold with respect to such event.

27. NOTICE OF SALE

Any person who has acquired shares under this Plan shall give prompt written notice to the Corporation of any sale or other transfer of the shares if such sale or transfer occurs (1) within the two-year period after the Grant Date of the Offering Period with respect to which such shares were acquired, or (2) within the twelve-month period after the Exercise Date of the Offering Period with respect to which such shares were acquired.



May 13, 2022

Board of Directors
 Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.
 1 E. Putnam Avenue, 4th Floor
 Greenwich, CT 06830

Dear Members of the Board of Directors:

Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., a Delaware corporation ("CNTQ"), has engaged Kroll, LLC ("Duff & Phelps"), operating through its Duff & Phelps Opinions Practice, to provide the Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors") of CNTQ (solely in their capacity as members of the Board of Directors) with a written opinion addressed to the Board of Directors as to whether, as of the date hereof, the consideration to be paid by CNTQ (in the form of CNTQ common stock, the "Consideration") to the holders of capital stock of Dragonfly Energy, Inc., a Nevada corporation ("Dragonfly") in connection with the Business Combination (as defined below) is fair to CNTQ, from a financial point of view (this "Opinion"). Pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement," and together with the other agreements and transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, the "Business Combination") by and among CNTQ, [CNTQ2 Merger Sub, Inc.], a Nevada corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of CNTQ ("Merger Sub"), and Dragonfly, a business combination between CNTQ and Dragonfly will be effected through the merger of Merger Sub with and into Dragonfly, with Dragonfly surviving the merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of CNTQ (the "Merger"). The combined company after the Business Combination is referred to herein as "New Dragonfly."

Scope of Analysis

In connection with this Opinion, Duff & Phelps has made such reviews, analyses and inquiries as it has deemed necessary and appropriate under the circumstances to enable it to render this Opinion. Duff & Phelps also took into account its assessment of general economic, market and financial conditions, as well as its experience in securities and business valuation, in general, and with respect to similar transactions, in particular. Duff & Phelps' procedures, investigations, and financial analysis with respect to the preparation of this Opinion included, but were not limited to, the items summarized below:

1. Reviewed the following documents:
 - a. The Merger Agreement;
 - b. The term sheet for senior credit facilities (the "Facilities") dated March 30, 2022 by and between Dragonfly and Energy Impact Credit Fund;
 - c. Unaudited financial information for Dragonfly for the year ended December 31, 2018 and audited financial information for Dragonfly for the years ended December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2021;
 - d. CNTQ's draft S-4 dated April 20, 2022;
 - e. CNTQ's S-1 dated August 5, 2021;
 - f. CNTQ's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 filed on form 10-K;

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- g. Financial projections for New Dragonfly for the calendar years 2022 and 2023, provided to us by the management of Dragonfly, approved for our use by management of CNTQ and to be included in the CNTQ S-4 (the “Financial Projections”); and
 - h. The Dragonfly Investor Presentation dated April 2022;
2. Discussed the information referred to above and the background and other elements of the Business Combination with the management of CNTQ and certain members of the Board of Directors (in their capacity as members of the Board of Directors);
 3. Discussed with CNTQ and Dragonfly management the plans and intentions with respect to the management and operation of New Dragonfly following the completion of the Business Combination;
 4. Discussed with CNTQ management and certain members of the Board of Directors (in their capacity as members of the Board of Directors) their assessment of the strategic rationale for, and the potential benefits of, the Business Combination;
 5. Performed certain valuation and comparative analyses using generally accepted valuation and analytical techniques, including a discounted cash flow analysis and an analysis of selected public companies that Duff & Phelps deemed relevant for comparison to New Dragonfly; and
 6. Conducted such other analyses and considered such other factors as Duff & Phelps deemed appropriate.

Assumptions, Qualifications and Limiting Conditions

In performing its analyses and rendering this Opinion with respect to the Business Combination, Duff & Phelps, with CNTQ’s consent:

1. Relied upon the accuracy, completeness, and fair presentation of all information, data, advice, opinions and representations obtained from public sources or provided to it from private sources, including CNTQ and Dragonfly and their respective management, including all financial, legal, regulatory, tax, accounting and other information provided to, discussed with or reviewed by us, and did not independently verify such information;
2. Relied upon the fact that the Board of Directors and CNTQ have been advised by counsel as to all legal matters with respect to the Business Combination, including whether all procedures required by law to be taken in connection with the Business Combination have been duly, validly and timely taken;
3. Assumed that any estimates, evaluations, forecasts and projections and other pro forma information, including the Financial Projections, furnished to Duff & Phelps were reasonably prepared and based upon the best currently available information and good faith judgment of the person(s) furnishing the same, and Duff & Phelps expresses no opinion with respect to such estimates, evaluations, forecasts and projections and other pro forma information or any underlying assumptions;
4. Assumed that information supplied by and representations made by CNTQ and Dragonfly and their respective management are substantially accurate regarding CNTQ, Dragonfly, New Dragonfly, and the Business Combination;
5. Assumed that the representations and warranties made in the Merger Agreement are substantially accurate;
6. Assumed that the final versions of all documents reviewed by Duff & Phelps in draft form conform in all material respects to the drafts reviewed;
7. Assumed that the PIPE Investment (as defined in the Merger Agreement) and the Facilities will be completed as contemplated by the draft documents reviewed by Duff & Phelps and as described by management of Dragonfly and CNTQ;

8. Assumed that there has been no material change in the assets, liabilities, financial condition, results of operations, business, or prospects of CNTQ or Dragonfly since the date of the most recent financial statements and other information made available to Duff & Phelps, and that there is no information or facts that would make the information reviewed by Duff & Phelps incomplete or misleading;
9. Assumed that all of the conditions required to implement the Business Combination will be satisfied and that the Business Combination will be completed in a timely manner in accordance with the Merger Agreement without any material amendments thereto or any material waivers of any terms or conditions thereof; and
10. Assumed that the consummation of the Business Combination will comply in all respects with all applicable foreign, federal, state and local statutes, rules and regulations and that all governmental, regulatory or other consents and approvals necessary for the consummation of the Business Combination will be obtained without any adverse effect, that would be material to Duff & Phelps' analysis, on CNTQ, Dragonfly, New Dragonfly, or the contemplated benefits expected to be derived in the Business Combination.

Given CNTQ's nature as a special purpose acquisition company, for purposes of this Opinion and its analysis and with CNTQ's consent, Duff & Phelps has assumed a value of \$10.15 per share for CNTQ's Common Stock, with such \$10.15 value being based on CNTQ's initial public offering and CNTQ's approximate cash per outstanding share of CNTQ Common Stock (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the dilutive impact of founder shares or any Public Warrants, Private Warrants or other rights). Further, for purposes of this Opinion and its analysis and with CNTQ's consent, Duff & Phelps has assumed the accuracy and completeness of the capitalization information for New Dragonfly prepared by CNTQ, pro forma for the Business Combination, the PIPE Investment and the Facilities.

To the extent that any of the foregoing assumptions, representations or any of the facts on which this Opinion is based prove to be untrue in any material respect, this Opinion cannot and should not be relied upon. Furthermore, in Duff & Phelps' analysis and in connection with the preparation of this Opinion, Duff & Phelps has made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance, general business, market and economic conditions and other matters, many of which are beyond the control of any party involved in the Business Combination.

Qualifications

Duff & Phelps has prepared this Opinion effective as of the date hereof. This Opinion is necessarily based upon market, economic, financial and other conditions as they exist and can be evaluated as of the date hereof, and Duff & Phelps disclaims any undertaking or obligation to advise any person of any change in any fact or matter affecting this Opinion which may come or be brought to the attention of Duff & Phelps after the date hereof.

Duff & Phelps did not evaluate the solvency of CNTQ, Dragonfly, or New Dragonfly or conduct an independent appraisal or physical inspection of any specific assets or liabilities (contingent, derivative, off-balance sheet or otherwise). Duff & Phelps has not been requested to, and did not, (i) initiate any discussions with, or solicit any indications of interest from, third parties with respect to the Business Combination, the assets, businesses or operations of CNTQ or any alternatives to the Business Combination, (ii) negotiate the terms of the Business Combination, and therefore, Duff & Phelps has assumed that such terms are the most beneficial terms, from CNTQ's perspective, that could, under the circumstances, be negotiated among the parties to the Merger Agreement and the Business Combination, or (iii) advise the Board of Directors or any other party with respect to alternatives to the Business Combination.

Duff & Phelps has assumed that the Merger will qualify, for US federal income tax purposes, as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Duff & Phelps is not expressing any view or rendering any opinion regarding the tax consequences of the Merger to CNTQ, Dragonfly, New Dragonfly or their respective shareholders.

Duff & Phelps is not expressing any opinion as to the market price or value of CNTQ's Common Stock or the equity of Dragonfly or New Dragonfly (or anything else) either before or after the consummation of

the Business Combination or how any such shares may trade at any time. This Opinion should not be construed as a valuation opinion, credit rating, solvency opinion, an analysis of CNTQ's, Dragonfly's, or New Dragonfly's credit worthiness, as tax advice, or as accounting advice. Duff & Phelps has not made, and assumes no responsibility to make, any representation, or render any opinion, as to any legal matter.

In rendering this Opinion, Duff & Phelps is not expressing any opinion with respect to the amount or nature of any compensation to any of CNTQ's or Dragonfly's officers, directors, or employees, or any class of such persons, relative to the Consideration, or with respect to the fairness of any such compensation.

Limiting Conditions

This Opinion is furnished for the use and benefit of the Board of Directors in connection with the Business Combination and is not intended to, and does not, confer any rights or remedies upon any other person, and is not intended to be used, and may not be used, by any other person or for any other purpose, without Duff & Phelps' express consent. Duff & Phelps has consented to the inclusion of the Opinion in its entirety and the description hereof in the proxy statement/prospectus and any other filing CNTQ is required to make with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the Business Combination if such inclusion is required by the applicable law.

This Opinion (i) does not address the merits of the underlying business decision to enter into the Business Combination versus any alternative strategy or transaction; (ii) does not address or express any view on any transaction related to the Business Combination, including the PIPE Investment and the Facilities; (iii) is not a recommendation as to how the Board of Directors or any stockholder of CNTQ or Dragonfly should vote or act with respect to any matters relating to the Business Combination, or whether to proceed with the Business Combination or any related transaction, and (iv) does not indicate that the Consideration is the best possibly attainable by CNTQ under any circumstances; instead, it merely states whether the Consideration is within a range suggested by certain financial analyses. The decision as to whether to proceed with the Business Combination or any related transaction may depend on an assessment of factors unrelated to the financial analysis on which this Opinion is based. This Opinion should not be construed as creating any fiduciary duty on the part of Duff & Phelps to any party.

Except for the Opinion expressed herein, Duff & Phelps does not express any view or opinion as to (i) any other term, aspect or implication of (a) the Business Combination (including, without limitation, the form or structure of the Business Combination) or the Merger Agreement or (b) any other agreement, transaction document or instrument contemplated by the Merger Agreement or to be entered into or amended in connection with the Business Combination, including the PIPE Investment and the Facilities, or (ii) the fairness, financial or otherwise, of the Business Combination to, or of any consideration to be paid to or received by, the holders of any class of securities of CNTQ or Dragonfly (including, without limitation, the fairness or the potential dilutive or other effects of the Business Combination or the PIPE Investment).

This Opinion does not in any way address proportionate allocation or relative fairness (including, without limitation, the allocation of any consideration among or within any classes or groups of security holders or other constituents of CNTQ or any other party). Duff & Phelps also does not address, or express a view with respect to, any acquisition of control or effective control of New Dragonfly by any stockholder or group of stockholders of Dragonfly (including, without limitation, any voting, control, consent rights or similar rights, preferences or privileges as among or in comparison to any classes or groups of security holders or other constituents of CNTQ, Dragonfly, New Dragonfly or any other party).

This Opinion does not in any way address the appropriate capital structure of New Dragonfly, whether New Dragonfly should be issuing debt or equity securities or a combination of both in the Business Combination, or the form, structure or any aspect or terms of any debt or equity financing for the Business Combination (including, without limitation, the PIPE Investment and the Facilities) or the likelihood of obtaining such financing, or whether or not Dragonfly, CNTQ, their respective security holders or any other party is receiving or paying reasonably equivalent value in the Business Combination.

This Opinion is solely that of Duff & Phelps, and Duff & Phelps' liability in connection with this Opinion shall be limited in accordance with the terms set forth in the engagement letter between Duff & Phelps and

CNTQ, dated January 24, 2022 (the “Engagement Letter”). The use and disclosure of this Opinion is strictly limited in accordance with the terms set forth in the Engagement Letter.

Disclosure of Prior Relationships

Duff & Phelps has acted as financial advisor to the Board of Directors and will receive a fee for its services. No portion of Duff & Phelps’ fee is refundable or contingent upon the conclusion expressed in this Opinion. Pursuant to the terms of the Engagement Letter, a portion of such fee is payable upon delivery of the Opinion and a portion is payable upon and subject to the closing of the Business Combination. Duff & Phelps previously provided a fairness opinion to an affiliate of CNTQ in connection with an unrelated transaction. For this prior engagement, Duff & Phelps received customary fees, expense reimbursement, and indemnification.

Duff & Phelps may seek to provide CNTQ, Dragonfly, New Dragonfly and their respective affiliates and equity holders with financial advisory and other services unrelated to the Business Combination in the future, for which services Duff & Phelps would expect to receive compensation.

Conclusion

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, Duff & Phelps is of the opinion that, as of the date hereof, the Consideration to be paid by CNTQ to the holders of capital stock of Dragonfly pursuant to the Merger Agreement is fair to CNTQ, from a financial point of view.

This Opinion has been approved by the Opinion Review Committee of Duff & Phelps.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Duff & Phelps
Duff & Phelps Opinions Practice
Kroll, LLC

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 20. Indemnification of directors and officers

Section 145 of the DGCL provides, generally, that a corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation against all expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. A corporation may similarly indemnify such person for expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of any action or suit by or in the right of the corporation, provided that such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, in the case of claims, issues and matters as to which such person shall have been adjudged liable to the corporation, provided that a court shall have determined, upon application, that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

New Dragonfly's second amended and restated will provide for indemnification of New Dragonfly's directors, officers, employees and other agents to the maximum extent permitted by the DGCL, and the proposed bylaws will provide for indemnification of New Dragonfly's directors, officers, employees and other agents to the maximum extent permitted by the DGCL.

In addition, effective upon the consummation of the Business Combination, New Dragonfly will have entered into indemnification agreements with directors, officers and some employees containing provisions which are in some respects broader than the specific indemnification provisions contained in the DGCL. The indemnification agreements require New Dragonfly, among other things, to indemnify its directors against certain liabilities that may arise by reason of their status or service as directors and to advance their expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified.

Item 21. Exhibits and financial statements schedules*Exhibits.*

Exhibit Number	Description
2.1†	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 15, 2022, by and among Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., Bronco Merger Sub, Inc. and Dragonfly Energy Corp. (included as Annex A to the proxy statement/prospectus).
3.1	Articles of Incorporation of Dragonfly Energy Corp. (as currently in effect).
3.2	Bylaws of Dragonfly Energy Corp. (as currently in effect).
3.3	Form of Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (to be effective upon consummation of the Merger) (included as Annex B to the proxy statement/prospectus).
3.4	Form of Amended and Restated Bylaws (to be effective upon consummation of the Merger) (included as Annex C to the proxy statement/prospectus).
3.5	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 13, 2021).
4.1	Specimen Unit Certificate of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.'s Amendment No. 7 to Form S-1 filed with

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	the SEC on August 5, 2021).
4.2	Specimen Common Stock Certificate of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.'s Amendment No. 7 to Form S-1 filed with the SEC on August 5, 2021).
4.3	Specimen Warrant Certificate of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.'s Amendment No. 7 to Form S-1 filed with the SEC on August 5, 2021).
4.4	Warrant Agreement, dated as of August 10, 2021, between Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 13, 2021).
4.5**	Specimen Common Share Certificate of Dragonfly Energy Corp.
4.6**	Specimen Warrant Certificate of Dragonfly Energy Corp.
4.7	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of August 10, 2021, by and among Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., Chardan NexTech 2 Warrant Holdings LLC and certain security holders (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 13, 2021).
4.8	Form of Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement (to be effective upon consummation of the Merger) (included as Annex D to the proxy statement/prospectus).
5.1**	Opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP as to the validity of [Chardan common stock] and [Chardan warrants] to be issued.
10.1	Investment Management Trust Agreement, dated as of August 10, 2021, by and between Continental Stock & Trust Company and Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 13, 2021).
10.2	Administrative Services Agreement, dated as of August 10, 2021, by and between Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. and Chardan NexTech 2 Warrant Holdings LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 13, 2021).
10.3	Letter Agreements, dated as of August 10, 2021, by and among Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC and each of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.'s officers and directors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on August 13, 2021).
10.4	Sponsor Support Agreement, dated as of May 15, 2022, by and among Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC, Dragonfly Energy Corp. and Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC (included as Annex E to the proxy statement/prospectus).
10.5	Commitment Letter, dated as of May 15, 2022, by and among Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp., Dragonfly Energy Corp., CCM Investments 5 LLC and EICF Agent LLC (included as Annex J to the proxy statement/prospectus).
10.6	Equity Facility Letter Agreement, dated as of May 15, 2022, by and among Dragonfly Energy Corp., Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. and CCM Investments 5 LLC (included as Annex K to the proxy statement/prospectus).
10.7	Subscription Agreement, dated as of May 15, 2022, between NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp. and Chardan NexTech Investments 2 LLC (included as Annex F to the proxy statement/prospectus).
10.8††	Dragonfly Energy Corp.'s 2022 Equity Incentive Plan (included as Annex G to the proxy statement/prospectus).
10.9††	Dragonfly Energy Corp.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan (included as Annex H to the proxy statement/prospectus).

Exhibit Number	Description
10.10**	Form of Director Indemnification Agreement.
10.11**	Multi-tenant Industrial Triple Net Lease, dated as of March 1, 2021, between Dragonfly Energy Corp. and Icon Reno Property Owner Pool 3 Nevada, LLC.
10.12**	Lease, dated as of February 8, 2022, between Dragonfly Energy Corp. and Prologis, L.P.
23.1**	Consent of BDO USA, LLP, independent registered accounting firm for Dragonfly Energy Corp.
23.2**	Consent of WithumSmith+Brown, PC, independent registered accounting firm for Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.
23.3**	Consent of [Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP] (included in Exhibit 5.1).
23.4**	Consent of Duff & Phelps, financial advisor to Chardan NexTech Acquisition 2 Corp.
24.1**	Power of Attorney (included on signature page to the initial filing of the Registration Statement).
99.1**	Form of Proxy for Special Meeting.
99.2**	Consent of [Directors].
99.3**	Consent of Frost & Sullivan.
107**	Filing Fee Table.

* Previously filed.

** To be filed by amendment.

† Schedules and exhibits to this Exhibit omitted pursuant to Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(2) promulgated under the Exchange Act. The Registrant agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedule or exhibit to the SEC upon request.

†† Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan.

Item 22. Undertakings

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
 - To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement;
 - To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;
 - That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment will be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time will be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof;
 - To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering; and
 - To file a post-effective amendment to the registration statement to include any financial statements required by Item 8.A of Form 20-F at the start of any delayed offering or throughout a continuous offering. Financial statements and information otherwise required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act need not be furnished; *provided* that the registrant includes in the prospectus, by means of a post-effective amendment, financial statements required pursuant to this

paragraph (1)(d) and other information necessary to ensure that all other information in the prospectus is at least as current as the date of those financial statements.

That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes as follows: that prior to any public reoffering of the securities registered hereunder through use of a prospectus which is a part of this registration statement, by any person or party who is deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of Rule 145(c), the issuer undertakes that such reoffering prospectus will contain the information called for by the applicable registration form with respect to reofferings by persons who may be deemed underwriters, in addition to the information called for by the other items of the applicable form.

The registrant undertakes that every prospectus: (a) that is filed pursuant to the immediately preceding paragraph, or (b) that purports to meet the requirements of Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act and is used in connection with an offering of securities subject to Rule 415, will be filed as a part of an amendment to the registration statement and will not be used until such amendment is effective, and that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment will be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time will be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes (i) to respond to requests for information that is incorporated by reference into the prospectus pursuant to Items 4, 10(b), 11, or 13 of this Form, within one Business Day of receipt of such request, and to send the incorporated documents by first class mail or other equally prompt means; and (ii) to arrange or provide for a facility in the U.S. for the purpose of responding to such requests. The undertaking in subparagraph (i) above includes information contained in documents filed subsequent to the effective date of the registration statement through the date of responding to the request.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to supply by means of a post-effective amendment all information concerning a transaction, and the company being acquired involved therein, that was not the subject of and included in the registration statement when it became effective.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in [•], [•], on the [•]th day of [•], 2022.

CHARDAN NEXTECH ACQUISITION 2 CORP.

By: _____

Name: Jonas Grossman

Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: _____

Name: Alex Weil

Title: Chief Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

NAME	POSITION	DATE
_____	Chairman and Director	[•], 2022
Kerry Propper		
_____	Chief Executive Officer, President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director	[•], 2022
Jonas Grossman		
_____	Chief Financial Officer and Director	[•], 2022
Alex Weil		
_____	Director	[•], 2022
Jonathan Biele		
_____	Director	[•], 2022
Perry Boyle		
_____	Director	[•], 2022
Roderick Hardamon		
_____	Director	[•], 2022
Jory Des Jardins		
_____	Director	[•], 2022
Hitesh Thakrar		
_____	Director	[•], 2022
Todd Thomson		

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.
A NEVADA CORPORATION**
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ARTICLE NINE
Issuance of More Than One Class or Series of Stock

The total number of shares of all classes of stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is (i) 8,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (**“Common Stock”**) and (ii) 2,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (**“Preferred Stock”**).

The following is a statement of the designations and the powers, privileges and rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof in respect of each class of capital stock of the Corporation.

A. COMMON STOCK

1. General. The voting, dividend and liquidation rights of the holders of the Common Stock are subject to and qualified by the rights, powers and preferences of the holders of the Preferred Stock set forth herein.

2. Voting. The holders of the Common Stock are entitled to one vote for each share of Common Stock held at all meetings of stockholders (and written actions in lieu of meetings).

B. PREFERRED STOCK

2,000,000 shares of the authorized and unissued Preferred Stock of the Corporation are hereby designated **“Series A Preferred Stock”** with the following rights, preferences, powers, privileges and restrictions, qualifications and limitations. Unless otherwise indicated, references to “sections” or “subsections” in this Part B of this Article 9 refer to sections and subsections of Part B of this Article 9.

1. Dividends.

The Corporation shall not declare, pay or set aside any dividends on shares of any other class or series of capital stock of the Corporation (other than dividends on shares of Common Stock payable in shares of Common Stock) unless (in addition to the obtaining of any consents required elsewhere in the Certificate of Incorporation) the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding shall first receive, or simultaneously receive, a dividend on each outstanding share of Series A Preferred Stock in an amount at least equal to (i) in the case of a dividend on Common Stock or any class or series that is convertible into Common Stock, that dividend per share of Series A Preferred Stock as would equal the product of (A) the dividend payable on each share of such class or series determined, if applicable, as if all shares of such class or series had been converted into Common Stock and (B) the number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of a share of Series A Preferred Stock, in each case calculated on the record date for determination of holders entitled to receive such dividend or (ii) in the case of a dividend on any class or series that is not convertible into Common Stock, at a rate per share of Series A Preferred Stock determined by (A) dividing the amount of the dividend payable on each share of such class or series of capital stock by the original issuance price of such class or series of capital stock (subject to appropriate adjustment in the event of any stock dividend, stock split, combination or other similar recapitalization with respect to such class or series) and (B) multiplying such fraction by an amount equal to the Series A Original Issue Price (as defined below); provided that, if the Corporation declares, pays or sets aside, on the same date, a dividend on shares of more than one class or series of capital stock of the Corporation, the dividend payable to the holders of Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to this Section 1 shall be calculated based upon the dividend on the class or series of capital stock that would result in the highest Series A Preferred Stock dividend. The **“Series A Original Issue Price”** shall mean \$1.00 per share, subject to appropriate adjustment in the event of any stock dividend, stock split, combination or other similar recapitalization with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock.

2. Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up; Certain Mergers, Consolidations and Asset Sales.

2.1 Preferential Payments to Holders of Series A Preferred Stock. In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation or Deemed Liquidation Event, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Corporation available for distribution to its stockholders before any payment shall be made to the holders of Common Stock by reason of their ownership thereof, an amount per share equal to the greater of (i) the Series A Original Issue Price, plus any dividends declared but unpaid thereon, or (ii) such amount per share as would have been payable had all shares of Series A Preferred Stock been converted into Common Stock pursuant to Section 4 immediately prior to such liquidation, dissolution, winding up or Deemed Liquidation Event (the amount payable pursuant to this sentence is hereinafter referred to as the “**Series A Liquidation Amount**”). If upon any such liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation or Deemed Liquidation Event, the assets of the Corporation available for distribution to its stockholders shall be insufficient to pay the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock the full amount to which they shall be entitled under this Subsection 2.1, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall share ratably in any distribution of the assets available for distribution in proportion to the respective amounts which would otherwise be payable in respect of the shares held by them upon such distribution if all amounts payable on or with respect to such shares were paid in full.

2.2 Payments to Holders of Common Stock. In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation or Deemed Liquidation Event, after the payment of all preferential amounts required to be paid to the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock, the remaining assets of the Corporation available for distribution to its stockholders shall be distributed among the holders of shares of Common Stock, pro rata based on the number of shares held by each such holder.

2.3 Deemed Liquidation Events.

2.3.1 Definition. Each of the following events shall be considered a “**Deemed Liquidation Event**” unless the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock elect otherwise by written notice sent to the Corporation at least ten (10) days prior to the effective date of any such event:

- (a) a merger or consolidation in which
 - (i) the Corporation is a constituent party or
 - (ii) a subsidiary of the Corporation is a constituent party

and the Corporation issues shares of its capital stock pursuant to such merger or consolidation, except any such merger or consolidation involving the Corporation or a subsidiary in which the shares of capital stock of the Corporation outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation continue to represent, or are converted into or exchanged for shares of capital stock that represent, immediately following such merger or consolidation, at least a majority, by voting power, of the capital stock of (1) the surviving or resulting corporation; or (2) if the surviving or resulting corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of another corporation immediately following such merger or consolidation, the parent corporation of such surviving or resulting corporation; or

(b) the sale, lease, transfer, exclusive license or other disposition, in a single transaction or series of related transactions, by the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation of all or substantially all the assets of the Corporation and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, or the sale or disposition (whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise) of one or more subsidiaries of the Corporation if substantially all of the assets of the Corporation and its subsidiaries taken as a whole are held by such subsidiary or subsidiaries, except where such sale, lease, transfer, exclusive license or other disposition is to a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation.

2.3.2 Effecting a Deemed Liquidation Event.

(a) The Corporation shall not have the power to effect a Deemed Liquidation Event referred to in Subsection 2.3.1(a) (i) unless the agreement or plan of merger or consolidation for such transaction (the “**Merger Agreement**”) provides that the consideration payable to the stockholders of the Corporation shall be allocated among the holders of capital stock of the Corporation in accordance with Subsections 2.1 and 2.2.

(b) In the event of a Deemed Liquidation Event referred to in Subsection 2.3.1(a)(ii) or 2.3.1(b), if the Corporation does not effect a dissolution of the Corporation under Nevada law within ninety (90) days after such Deemed Liquidation Event, then (i) the Corporation shall send a written notice to each holder of Series A Preferred Stock no later than the ninetieth (90th) day after the Deemed Liquidation Event advising such holders of their right (and the requirements to be met to secure such right) pursuant to the terms of the following clause; (ii) to require the redemption of such shares of Series A Preferred Stock, and (iii) if the holders of more than 50% of the then outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock so request in a written instrument delivered to the Corporation not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after such Deemed Liquidation Event, the Corporation shall use the consideration received by the Corporation for such Deemed Liquidation Event (net of any retained liabilities associated with the assets sold or technology licensed, as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Corporation), together with any other assets of the Corporation available for distribution to its stockholders, all to the extent permitted by Nevada law governing distributions to stockholders (the “**Available Proceeds**”), on the one hundred fiftieth (150th) day after such Deemed Liquidation Event, to redeem all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock at a price per share equal to the Series A Liquidation Amount. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of a redemption pursuant to the preceding sentence, if the Available Proceeds are not sufficient to redeem all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock, the Corporation shall ratably redeem each holder’s shares of Series A Preferred Stock to the fullest extent of such Available Proceeds, and shall redeem the remaining shares as soon as it may lawfully do so under Nevada law governing distributions to stockholders. Prior to the distribution or redemption provided for in this Subsection 2.3.2(b), the Corporation shall not expend or dissipate the consideration received for such Deemed Liquidation Event, except to discharge expenses incurred in connection with such Deemed Liquidation Event or in the ordinary course of business.

2.3.3 Amount Deemed Paid or Distributed. The amount deemed paid or distributed to the holders of capital stock of the Corporation upon any such merger, consolidation, sale, transfer, exclusive license, other disposition or redemption shall be the cash or the value of the property, rights or securities paid or distributed to such holders by the Corporation or the acquiring person, firm or other entity. The value of such property, rights or securities shall be determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

2.3.4 Allocation of Escrow and Contingent Consideration. In the event of a Deemed Liquidation Event pursuant to Subsection 2.3.1(a)(i), if any portion of the consideration payable to the stockholders of the Corporation is payable only upon satisfaction of contingencies (the “Additional Consideration”), the Merger Agreement shall provide that (a) the portion of such consideration that is not Additional Consideration (such portion, the “Initial Consideration”) shall be allocated among the holders of capital stock of the Corporation in accordance with Subsections 2.1 and 2.2 as if the Initial Consideration were the only consideration payable in connection with such Deemed Liquidation Event; and (b) any Additional Consideration which becomes payable to the stockholders of the Corporation upon satisfaction of such contingencies shall be allocated among the holders of capital stock of the Corporation in accordance with Subsections 2.1 and 2.2 after taking into account the previous payment of the Initial Consideration as part of the same transaction. For the purposes of this Subsection 2.3.4, consideration placed into escrow or retained as holdback to be available for satisfaction of indemnification or similar obligations in connection with such Deemed Liquidation Event shall be deemed to be Additional Consideration.

3. Voting.

3.1 General. On any matter presented to the stockholders of the Corporation for their action or consideration at any meeting of stockholders of the Corporation (or by written consent of stockholders in lieu of meeting), each holder of outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be entitled to cast the number of votes equal to the number of whole shares of Common Stock into which the shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder are convertible as of the record date for determining stockholders entitled to vote on such matter. Except as provided by law or by the other provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall vote together with the holders of Common Stock as a single class.

3.2 Election of Directors. The holders of record of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock, exclusively and as a separate class, shall be entitled to elect one (1) director of the Corporation (the “**Series A Director**”). The Series A Director shall be given two votes on any action requiring the vote or approval of the board of directors. The holders of record of the shares of Common Stock, exclusively and as a separate class, shall be entitled to elect two (2) directors of the Corporation, the “**Common Stock Director A**” and the “**Common Stock Director B**”). The Common Stock Director with the highest number of votes from holders of record of the shares of Common Stock shall be the Common Stock Director A and the Common Stock Director with the second highest number of votes from holders of record of the shares of Common Stock shall be the Common Stock Director B. The Common Stock Director A shall be given three votes on any action requiring the vote or approval of the board of directors and the Common Stock Director B shall be given one vote on any action requiring the vote or approval of the board of directors. Any director elected as provided above may be removed without cause by, and only by, the affirmative vote of the holders of the shares of the class or series of capital stock entitled to elect such director or directors, given either at a special meeting of such stockholders duly called for that purpose or pursuant to a written consent of stockholders. If the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock or Common Stock, as the case may be, fail to elect a sufficient number of directors to fill all directorships for which they are entitled to elect directors, voting exclusively and as a separate class, pursuant to the first sentence of this Subsection 3.2, then any directorship not so filled shall remain vacant until such time as the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock or Common Stock, as the case may be, elect a person to fill such directorship by vote or written consent in lieu of a meeting; and no such directorship may be filled by stockholders of the Corporation other than by the stockholders of the Corporation that are entitled to elect a person to fill such directorship, voting exclusively and as a separate class. The holders of record of the shares of Common Stock and of any other class or series of voting stock (including the Series A Preferred Stock), exclusively and voting together as a single class, shall be entitled to elect the balance of the total number of directors of the Corporation. At any meeting held for the purpose of electing a director, the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the class or series entitled to elect such director shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of electing such director. Except as otherwise provided in this Subsection 3.2, a vacancy in any directorship filled by the holders of any class or series shall be filled only by vote or written consent in lieu of a meeting of the holders of such class or series or by any remaining director or directors elected by the holders of such class or series pursuant to this Subsection 3.2.

3.3 Series A Preferred Stock Protective Provisions. At any time when shares of Series A Preferred Stock are outstanding, the Corporation shall not, either directly or indirectly by amendment, merger, consolidation or otherwise, amend, alter or repeal any provision of the Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Corporation regarding the Series A Preferred Stock in a manner that adversely changes the powers, preferences or rights of the Series A Preferred Stock.

4. Optional Conversion.

The holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall have conversion rights as follows (the “**Conversion Rights**”):

4.1 Right to Convert.

4.1.1 Conversion Ratio. Each share of Series A Preferred Stock shall be convertible, at the option of the holder thereof, at any time and from time to time, and without the payment of additional consideration by the holder thereof, into such number of fully paid and non-assessable shares of Common Stock as is determined by dividing the Series A Original Issue Price by the Series A Conversion Price (as defined below) in effect at the time of conversion. The “**Series A Conversion Price**” shall initially be equal to \$1.00. Such initial Series A Conversion Price, and the rate at which shares of Series A Preferred Stock may be converted into shares of Common Stock, shall be subject to adjustment as provided below.

4.1.2 Termination of Conversion Rights. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation or a Deemed Liquidation Event, the Conversion Rights shall terminate at the close of business on the last full day preceding the date fixed for the payment of any such amounts distributable on such event to the holders of Series A Preferred Stock.

4.2 Fractional Shares. No fractional shares of Common Stock shall be issued upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock. In lieu of any fractional shares to which the holder would otherwise be entitled, the Corporation shall pay cash equal to such fraction multiplied by the fair market value of a share of Common Stock as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Whether or not fractional shares would be issuable upon such conversion shall be determined on the basis of the total number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock the holder is at the time converting into Common Stock and the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon such conversion.

4.3 Mechanics of Conversion.

4.3.1 Notice of Conversion. In order for a holder of Series A Preferred Stock to voluntarily convert shares of Series A Preferred Stock into shares of Common Stock, such holder shall (a) provide written notice to the Corporation’s transfer agent at the office of the transfer agent for the Series A Preferred Stock (or at the principal office of the Corporation if the Corporation serves as its own transfer agent) that such holder elects to convert all or any number of such holder’s shares of Series A Preferred Stock and, if applicable, any event on which such conversion is contingent and (b), if such holder’s shares are certificated, surrender the certificate or certificates for such shares of Series A Preferred Stock (or, if such registered holder alleges that such certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed, a lost certificate affidavit and agreement reasonably acceptable to the Corporation to indemnify the Corporation against any claim that may be made against the Corporation on account of the alleged loss, theft or destruction of such certificate), at the office of the transfer agent for the Series A Preferred Stock (or at the principal office of the Corporation if the Corporation serves as its own transfer agent). Such notice shall state such holder’s name or the names of the nominees in which such holder wishes the shares of Common Stock to be issued. If required by the Corporation, any certificates surrendered for conversion shall be endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Corporation, duly executed by the registered holder or his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing. The close of business on the date of receipt by the transfer agent (or by the Corporation if the Corporation serves as its own transfer agent) of such notice and, if applicable, certificates (or lost certificate affidavit and agreement) shall be the time of conversion (the “**Conversion Time**”), and the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the specified shares shall be deemed to be outstanding of record as of such date. The Corporation shall, as soon as practicable after the Conversion Time (i) issue and deliver to such holder of Series A Preferred Stock, or to his, her or its nominees, a certificate or certificates for the number of full shares of Common Stock issuable upon such conversion in accordance with the provisions hereof and a certificate for the number (if any) of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock represented by the surrendered certificate that were not converted into Common Stock, (ii) pay in cash such amount as provided in Subsection 4.2 in lieu of any fraction of a share of Common Stock otherwise issuable upon such conversion and (iii) pay all declared but unpaid dividends on the shares of Series A Preferred Stock converted.

4.3.2 Reservation of Shares. The Corporation shall at all times when the Series A Preferred Stock shall be outstanding, reserve and keep available out of its authorized but unissued capital stock, for the purpose of effecting the conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock, such number of its duly authorized shares of Common Stock as shall from time to time be sufficient to effect the conversion of all outstanding Series A Preferred Stock; and if at any time the number of authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock shall not be sufficient to effect the conversion of all then outstanding shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Corporation shall take such corporate action as may be necessary to increase its authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock to such number of shares as shall be sufficient for such purposes, including, without limitation, engaging in best efforts to obtain the requisite stockholder approval of any necessary amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation. Before taking any action which would cause an adjustment reducing the Series A Conversion Price below the then par value of the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock, the Corporation will take any corporate action which may, in the opinion of its counsel, be necessary in order that the Corporation may validly and legally issue fully paid and non-assessable shares of Common Stock at such adjusted Series A Conversion Price.

4.3.3 Effect of Conversion. All shares of Series A Preferred Stock which shall have been surrendered for conversion as herein provided shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding and all rights with respect to such shares shall immediately cease and terminate at the Conversion Time, except only the right of the holders thereof to receive shares of Common Stock in exchange therefor, to receive payment in lieu of any fraction of a share otherwise issuable upon such conversion as provided in Subsection 4.2 and to receive payment of any dividends declared but unpaid thereon. Any shares of Series A Preferred Stock so converted shall be retired and cancelled and may not be reissued as shares of such series, and the Corporation may thereafter take such appropriate action (without the need for stockholder action) as may be necessary to reduce the authorized number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock accordingly.

4.3.4 No Further Adjustment. Upon any such conversion, no adjustment to the Series A Conversion Price shall be made for any declared but unpaid dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock surrendered for conversion or on the Common Stock delivered upon conversion.

4.4 Adjustment for Stock Splits and Combinations. If the Corporation shall at any time or from time to time after the Series A Original Issue Date effect a subdivision of the outstanding Common Stock, the Series A Conversion Price in effect immediately before that subdivision shall be proportionately decreased so that the number of shares of Common Stock issuable on conversion of each share of such series shall be increased in proportion to such increase in the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock outstanding. If the Corporation shall at any time or from time to time after the Series A Original Issue Date combine the outstanding shares of Common Stock, the Series A Conversion Price in effect immediately before the combination shall be proportionately increased so that the number of shares of Common Stock issuable on conversion of each share of such series shall be decreased in proportion to such decrease in the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock outstanding. Any adjustment under this subsection shall become effective at the close of business on the date the subdivision or combination becomes effective.

4.5 Adjustment for Certain Dividends and Distributions. In the event the Corporation at any time or from time to time after the Series A Original Issue Date shall make or issue, or fix a record date for the determination of holders of Common Stock entitled to receive, a dividend or other distribution payable on the Common Stock in additional shares of Common Stock, then and in each such event the Series A Conversion Price in effect immediately before such event shall be decreased as of the time of such issuance or, in the event such a record date shall have been fixed, as of the close of business on such record date, by multiplying the Series A Conversion Price then in effect by a fraction:

(1) the numerator of which shall be the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the time of such issuance or the close of business on such record date, and

(2) the denominator of which shall be the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the time of such issuance or the close of business on such record date plus the number of shares of Common Stock issuable in payment of such dividend or distribution.

Notwithstanding the foregoing (a) if such record date shall have been fixed and such dividend is not fully paid or if such distribution is not fully made on the date fixed therefor, the Series A Conversion Price shall be recomputed accordingly as of the close of business on such record date and thereafter the Series A Conversion Price shall be adjusted pursuant to this subsection as of the time of actual payment of such dividends or distributions; and (b) that no such adjustment shall be made if the holders of Series A Preferred Stock simultaneously receive a dividend or other distribution of shares of Common Stock in a number equal to the number of shares of Common Stock as they would have received if all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock had been converted into Common Stock on the date of such event.

4.7 Adjustments for Other Dividends and Distributions. In the event the Corporation at any time or from time to time after the Series A Original Issue Date shall make or issue, or fix a record date for the determination of holders of Common Stock entitled to receive, a dividend or other distribution payable in securities of the Corporation (other than a distribution of shares of Common Stock in respect of outstanding shares of Common Stock) or in other property and the provisions of Section 1 do not apply to such dividend or distribution, then and in each such event the holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall receive, simultaneously with the distribution to the holders of Common Stock, a dividend or other distribution of such securities or other property in an amount equal to the amount of such securities or other property as they would have received if all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock had been converted into Common Stock on the date of such event.

4.8 Adjustment for Merger or Reorganization, etc. Subject to the provisions of Subsection 2.3, if there shall occur any reorganization, recapitalization, reclassification, consolidation or merger involving the Corporation in which the Common Stock (but not the Series A Preferred Stock) is converted into or exchanged for securities, cash or other property (other than a transaction covered by Subsections 4.4, 4.6 or 4.7), then, following any such reorganization, recapitalization, reclassification, consolidation or merger, each share of Series A Preferred Stock shall thereafter be convertible in lieu of the Common Stock into which it was convertible prior to such event into the kind and amount of securities, cash or other property which a holder of the number of shares of Common Stock of the Corporation issuable upon conversion of one share of Series A Preferred Stock immediately prior to such reorganization, recapitalization, reclassification, consolidation or merger would have been entitled to receive pursuant to such transaction; and, in such case, appropriate adjustment (as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Corporation) shall be made in the application of the provisions in this Section 4 with respect to the rights and interests thereafter of the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, to the end that the provisions set forth in this Section 4 (including provisions with respect to changes in and other adjustments of the Series A Conversion Price) shall thereafter be applicable, as nearly as reasonably may be, in relation to any securities or other property thereafter deliverable upon the conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock.

4.9 Certificate as to Adjustments. Upon the occurrence of each adjustment or readjustment of the Series A Conversion Price pursuant to this Section 4, the Corporation at its expense shall, as promptly as reasonably practicable but in any event not later than ten (10) days thereafter, compute such adjustment or readjustment in accordance with the terms hereof and furnish to each holder of Series A Preferred Stock a certificate setting forth such adjustment or readjustment (including the kind and amount of securities, cash or other property into which the Series A Preferred Stock is convertible) and showing in detail the facts upon which such adjustment or readjustment is based. The Corporation shall, as promptly as reasonably practicable after the written request at any time of any holder of Series A Preferred Stock (but in any event not later than ten (10) days thereafter), furnish or cause to be furnished to such holder a certificate setting forth (i) the Series A Conversion Price then in effect, and (ii) the number of shares of Common Stock and the amount, if any, of other securities, cash or property which then would be received upon the conversion of Series A Preferred Stock.

4.10 Notice of Record Date. In the event:

(a) the Corporation shall take a record of the holders of its Common Stock (or other capital stock or securities at the time issuable upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock) for the purpose of entitling or enabling them to receive any dividend or other distribution, or to receive any right to subscribe for or purchase any shares of capital stock of any class or any other securities, or to receive any other security; or

(b) of any capital reorganization of the Corporation, any reclassification of the Common Stock of the Corporation, or any Deemed Liquidation Event; or

(c) of the voluntary or involuntary dissolution, liquidation or winding-up of the Corporation,

then, and in each such case, the Corporation will send or cause to be sent to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock a notice specifying, as the case may be, (i) the record date for such dividend, distribution or right, and the amount and character of such dividend, distribution or right, or (ii) the effective date on which such reorganization, reclassification, consolidation, merger, transfer, dissolution, liquidation or winding-up is proposed to take place, and the time, if any is to be fixed, as of which the holders of record of Common Stock (or such other capital stock or securities at the time issuable upon the conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock) shall be entitled to exchange their shares of Common Stock (or such other capital stock or securities) for securities or other property deliverable upon such reorganization, reclassification, consolidation, merger, transfer, dissolution, liquidation or winding-up, and the amount per share and character of such exchange applicable to the Series A Preferred Stock and the Common Stock. Such notice shall be sent at least ten (10) days prior to the record date or effective date for the event specified in such notice.

5. Mandatory Conversion.

5.1 Trigger Events. Upon either (a) the closing of the sale of shares of Common Stock to the public at a price of at least \$5.00 per share (subject to appropriate adjustment in the event of any stock dividend, stock split, combination or other similar recapitalization with respect to the Common Stock), in a firm-commitment underwritten public offering pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, resulting in at least \$25,000,000 of gross proceeds to the Corporation or (b) the date and time, or the occurrence of an event, specified by vote or written consent of the holders of more than 50% of the then outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock (the time of such closing or the date and time specified or the time of the event specified in such vote or written consent is referred to herein as the “**Mandatory Conversion Time**”), then (i) all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall automatically be converted into shares of Common Stock, at the then effective conversion rate as calculated pursuant to Subsection 4.1.1. and (ii) such shares may not be reissued by the Corporation.

5.2 Procedural Requirements. All holders of record of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be sent written notice of the Mandatory Conversion Time and the place designated for mandatory conversion of all such shares of Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to this Section 5. Such notice need not be sent in advance of the occurrence of the Mandatory Conversion Time. Upon receipt of such notice, each holder of shares of Series A Preferred Stock in certificated form shall surrender his, her or its certificate or certificates for all such shares (or, if such holder alleges that such certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed, a lost certificate affidavit and agreement reasonably acceptable to the Corporation to indemnify the Corporation against any claim that may be made against the Corporation on account of the alleged loss, theft or destruction of such certificate) to the Corporation at the place designated in such notice. If so required by the Corporation, any certificates surrendered for conversion shall be endorsed or accompanied by written instrument or instruments of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Corporation, duly executed by the registered holder or by his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing. All rights with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock converted pursuant to Subsection 5.1, including the rights, if any, to receive notices and vote (other than as a holder of Common Stock), will terminate at the Mandatory Conversion Time (notwithstanding the failure of the holder or holders thereof to surrender any certificates at or prior to such time), except only the rights of the holders thereof, upon surrender of any certificate or certificates of such holders (or lost certificate affidavit and agreement) therefor, to receive the items provided for in the next sentence of this Subsection 5.2. As soon as practicable after the Mandatory Conversion Time and, if applicable, the surrender of any certificate or certificates (or lost certificate affidavit and agreement) for Series A Preferred Stock, the Corporation shall (a) issue and deliver to such holder, or to his, her or its nominees, a certificate or certificates for the number of full shares of Common Stock issuable on such conversion in accordance with the provisions hereof and (b) pay cash as provided in Subsection 4.2 in lieu of any fraction of a share of Common Stock otherwise issuable upon such conversion and the payment of any declared but unpaid dividends on the shares of Series A Preferred Stock converted. Such converted Series A Preferred Stock shall be retired and cancelled and may not be reissued as shares of such series, and the Corporation may thereafter take such appropriate action (without the need for stockholder action) as may be necessary to reduce the authorized number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock accordingly.

6. Preemptive Rights.

6.1 Holders of Series A Preferred Stock. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Section 6 and applicable securities laws, if the Corporation proposes to offer or sell any New Securities (defined below) for an investment of cash proceeds in the Corporation in connection with a bona fide financing transaction, the Corporation shall first offer a pro rata portion of such New Securities to each holder of Series A Preferred Stock. “**New Securities**” means any capital stock of the Corporation, whether or not currently authorized, as well as rights, options, or warrants to purchase such capital stock of the Corporation of any type whatsoever that are, or may become, convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for such capital stock of the Corporation.

6.2 Notice. The Corporation shall give notice (the “**Offer Notice**”) to each holder of Series A Preferred Stock, stating (i) its bona fide intention to offer such New Securities, (ii) the number of such New Securities to be offered, and (iii) the price and terms, if any, upon which it proposes to offer such New Securities.

6.3 Elections. By notification to the Corporation within 20 days after the Offer Notice is given, each holder of Series A Preferred Stock may elect to purchase or otherwise acquire, at the price and on the terms specified in the Offer Notice, up to that portion of such New Securities which equals the proportion that the Series A Preferred Stock issued to and held by such holder bears to the aggregate number of shares of capital stock then issued and outstanding. The closing of any sale pursuant to this Subsection 6.3 shall occur within the later of (i) 90 days of the date of the Offer Notice is given and (ii) the initial sale of New Securities pursuant to Subsection 6.2.

6.4 Unsubscribed Portion. All New Securities referred to in the Offer Notice not elected to be purchased or acquired as provided in Subsection 6.3, the Corporation may, during the 90-day period following the expiration of the periods provided in Subsection 6.3, offer and sell the remaining unsubscribed portion of such New Securities to any person or persons at a price not less than, and upon terms no more favorable to the offeree than, those specified in the Offer Notice. If the Corporation does not enter into an agreement for the sale of the New Securities within such period, or if such agreement is not consummated within 30 days of the execution thereof, the right provided hereunder shall be deemed to be revived and such New Securities shall not be offered unless first reoffered to the holder of Series A Preferred Stock in accordance with this Section 6.

6.5 Exceptions. The preemptive rights in this Section 6 shall not be applicable to (i) New Securities not issued or sold in connection with an investment of cash proceeds in the Corporation in bona fide financing transaction; (ii) shares of Common Stock issued in an initial public offering of the Corporation’s Common Stock; (iii) capital stock or Convertible Securities issued by reason of a dividend, stock split or split-up; (iv) capital stock or Convertible Securities issued to employees or directors of, or consultants or advisors to, the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to a plan, agreement or arrangement approved by the Corporation’s board of directors; (v) capital stock or Convertible Securities issued to banks, equipment lessors, financial institutions or real property lessors pursuant to a debt financing, equipment leasing or real property leasing transaction approved by the Corporation’s board of directors; (vi) capital stock or Convertible Securities issued to suppliers or third party service providers in connection with the provision of goods or services pursuant to transactions approved by the Corporation’s board of directors; or (vii) capital stock or Convertible Securities issued in connection with acquisitions, sponsored research, collaboration, technology license, development, OEM, marketing or other similar agreements or strategic partnerships approved by the Corporation’s board of directors. “**Convertible Securities**” means any evidences of indebtedness, shares, rights, options, warrants or other securities directly or indirectly convertible into or exchangeable for Common Stock or any other class of series of capital stock (whether now outstanding or hereafter authorized and issued in any context).

6.6 Alternative Offer. Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, in lieu of complying with the provisions of Subsection 6.2 through Subsection 6.5, the Corporation may elect to give notice to the holders of Series A Preferred Stock within 30 days after the issuance of New Securities. Such notice shall describe the type, price, and terms of the New Securities. Each holder of Series A Preferred Stock shall have 20 days from the date notice is given to elect to purchase up to the number of New Securities that would, if purchased by such holder of Series A Preferred Stock, maintaining the percentage-ownership position of such holder of Series A Preferred Stock, calculated as set forth in Subsection 6.3 before giving effect to the issuance of such New Securities. The closing of such sale shall occur within 60 days of the date notice is given to the holders of Series A Preferred Stock.

7. Redeemed or Otherwise Acquired Shares. Any shares of Series A Preferred Stock that are redeemed or otherwise acquired by the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries shall be automatically and immediately cancelled and retired and shall not be reissued, sold or transferred. Neither the Corporation nor any of its subsidiaries may exercise any voting or other rights granted to the holders of Series A Preferred Stock following redemption.

8. Waiver. Any of the rights, powers, preferences and other terms of the Series A Preferred Stock set forth herein may be waived on behalf of all holders of Series A Preferred Stock by the affirmative written consent or vote of the holders of more than 50% of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding.

9. Notices. Any notice required or permitted by the provisions of this Article 9 to be given to a holder of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the post office address last shown on the records of the Corporation, or given by electronic communication in compliance with the provisions of Nevada law, and shall be deemed sent upon such mailing or electronic transmission.

ARTICLE TEN

Amendment to the Bylaws

Subject to any additional vote or approval required by the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, in furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to make, repeal, alter, amend and rescind any or all of the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Amendment to the Articles

Subject to any additional vote required by these Articles of Incorporation, in furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the holders of more than 50% of the Company's issued and outstanding capital stock is expressly authorized to make, repeal, alter, amend, restate and/or rescind any or all of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE TWELVE
Number of Directors

Subject to any additional vote required by the Articles of Incorporation, the number of directors of the Corporation shall be determined in the manner set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN
Director Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, a director of the Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. If the law of the State of Nevada is amended after approval by the stockholders of this Article Fourteen to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the law of the State of Nevada as so amended.

Any repeal or modification of the foregoing provisions of this Article Thirteen by the stockholders of the Corporation shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Corporation existing at the time of, or increase the liability of any director of the Corporation with respect to any acts or omissions of such director occurring prior to, such repeal or modification.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN
Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Corporation is authorized to provide indemnification of (and advancement of expenses to) directors, officers and agents of the Corporation (and any other persons to which the law of the State of Nevada permits the Corporation to provide indemnification) through Bylaw provisions, agreements with such agents or other persons, and vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

Any amendment, repeal or modification of the foregoing provisions of this Article Fourteen shall not adversely affect any right or protection of any director, officer or other agent of the Corporation existing at the time of such amendment, repeal or modification.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN
Venue

Unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the courts in the State of Nevada shall be the sole and exclusive forum for any stockholder (including a beneficial owner) to bring (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation's stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation, its directors, officers or employees arising pursuant to any provision of the laws of the state of Nevada or the Corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws or (iv) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation, its directors, officers or employees governed by the internal affairs doctrine, except for, as to each of (i) through (iv) above, any claim as to which the Nevada Court determines that there is an indispensable party not subject to the jurisdiction of Nevada (and the indispensable party does not consent to the personal jurisdiction of Nevada within ten days following such determination), which is vested in the exclusive jurisdiction of a court or forum other than the Nevada Court, or for which the Nevada Court does not have subject matter jurisdiction. If any provision or provisions of this Article Fifteen shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable as applied to any person or entity or circumstance for any reason whatsoever, then, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the validity, legality and enforceability of such provisions in any other circumstance and of the remaining provisions of this Article Fifteen (including, without limitation, each portion of any sentence of this Article Fifteen containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable that is not itself held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable) and the application of such provision to other persons or entities and circumstances shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

**CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT
TO THE
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.,
a Nevada corporation**

Dragonfly Energy Corp. (the “**Corporation**”), a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 78 and the applicable provisions of Chapter 92A of the Nevada Revised Statutes (the “**Corporation Law**”) DOES HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

I. The amendment to the Corporation’s Articles of Incorporation set forth below was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 78.320 and 78.390 of the Corporation Law by the directors and stockholders of the Corporation.

II. The Section 3.2 of Article NINE of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, filed on April 11, 2016, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“3.2 Election of Directors. The holders of record of the shares of Common Stock, exclusively and as a separate class, shall be entitled to elect two (2) directors of the Corporation, the “**Common Stock Director A**” and the “**Common Stock Director B**”). The Common Stock Director with the highest number of votes from holders of record of the shares of Common Stock shall be the Common Stock Director A and the Common Stock Director with the second highest number of votes from holders of record of the shares of Common Stock shall be the Common Stock Director B. The Common Stock Director A shall be given three votes on any action requiring the vote or approval of the board of directors and the Common Stock Director B shall be given one vote on any action requiring the vote or approval of the board of directors. Any director elected as provided above may be removed without cause by, and only by, the affirmative vote of the holders of the shares of the class or series of capital stock entitled to elect such director or directors, given either at a special meeting of such stockholders duly called for that purpose or pursuant to a written consent of stockholders. The holders of record of the shares of Common Stock and Series A Preferred Stock, exclusively and voting together as a single class, shall be entitled to elect the balance of the total number of directors of the Corporation. If the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock and/or Common Stock, as the case may be, fail to elect a sufficient number of directors to fill all directorships for which they are entitled to elect directors, voting exclusively and as a separate class, pursuant to the first sentence of this Subsection 3.2, then any directorship not so filled shall remain vacant until such time as the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock and/or Common Stock, as the case may be, elect a person to fill such directorship by vote or written consent in lieu of a meeting; and no such directorship may be filled by stockholders of the Corporation other than by the stockholders of the Corporation that are entitled to elect a person to fill such directorship, voting exclusively and as a separate class. At any meeting held for the purpose of electing a director, the presence in person or by proxy of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the class or series entitled to elect such director shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of electing such director. Except as otherwise provided in this Subsection 3.2, a vacancy in any directorship filled by the holders of any class or series shall be filled only by vote or written consent in lieu of a meeting of the holders of such class or series or by any remaining director or directors elected by the holders of such class or series pursuant to this Subsection 3.2.”

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to be executed by Denis J. Phares, its authorized officer, on this _____ day of April, 2021.

DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.

By: /s/ Denis J. Phares

Name: Denis J. Phares

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

**SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED
BYLAWS OF
DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.**

**ARTICLE I
IDENTIFICATION**

Section 1.01 Name. The name of the corporation is Dragonfly Energy Corp. (the “Corporation”).

Section 1.02 Registered Office and Registered Agent. The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 300 East Second Street Suite 1510, Reno, Nevada 89501, and the name of the initial registered agent at this address is Fennemore Craig, P.C.

Section 1.03 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first (1st) day of January in each year and end on the thirty-first (31st) day of December next following.

**ARTICLE II
STOCK**

Section 2.01 Issuance of Shares. The board of directors of the Corporation (the “Board of Directors” or “Board”) may authorize shares to be issued for consideration consisting of any tangible or intangible property or benefit to the Corporation, including, but not limited to, cash, promissory notes, services performed, contracts for services to be performed or other securities of the Corporation. The judgment of the Board of Directors as to the consideration received for the shares issued is conclusive in the absence of actual fraud in the transaction.

Section 2.02 Payment of Shares. When payment of the consideration for which shares are to be issued shall have been received by the Corporation, such shares shall be deemed to be fully paid and nonassessable.

Section 2.03 Certificates Representing Shares and Uncertified Shares. Unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation of the Corporation (the “Articles of Incorporation”) or a resolution of the Board of Directors, each holder of shares of stock of the Corporation shall be entitled to a certificate signed by the President (or a Vice president, if any) and the Secretary (or an Assistant Secretary, if any) of the Corporation, certifying the number of shares owned by such stockholder in the Corporation. Unless otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors may by resolution authorize the issuance of uncertificated shares of some or all of the shares of any or all of its classes or series. The issuance of uncertificated shares has no effect on existing certificates for shares until surrendered to the Corporation, or on the respective rights and obligations of the stockholders of the Corporation (the “Stockholders”). Unless otherwise provided by a specific statute, the rights and obligations of the Stockholders are identical whether or not their shares of stock are represented by certificates.

Section 2.04 Transfer of Stock. The Corporation must register a transfer of shared if the requirements of NRS 104.8401 are satisfied.

ARTICLE III
THE STOCKHOLDERS

Section 3.01 Place of Meetings. Meetings of the Stockholders shall be held at any place within or without the State of Nevada, designated by the President. The President may, in his sole discretion, determine that a meeting of the Stockholders shall not be held at any place, but may instead be held solely by means of remote communication as authorized by the Nevada Revised Statutes.

Section 3.02 Annual Meetings. The annual meeting of the Stockholders shall be held each year. Unless the Stockholders have executed and delivered a written consent for such purpose, the Stockholders shall elect the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Stockholders. The President shall designate the date and time of the annual meeting. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Corporation.

Section 3.03 Special meetings. Special meetings of the Stockholders may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or by the Secretary at the written request (stating the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called) of the holders of not less than one-tenth of all the shares entitled to vote at the meeting.

Section 3.04 Notice of Meetings; Waiver. Written notice stating the place, day, and hour of the Stockholder meeting and, in case of a special meeting the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting, either personally, by mail, by any electronic means, or by any other delivery method permitted under applicable law, by or at the direction of the President, the Secretary, or the Officer or persons calling the meeting, to each registered holder of the stock of the Corporation entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the registered holder at such holder's address as it appears on the stock transfer books of the Corporation, with postage on it prepaid. Waiver by a Stockholder in writing of notice of a Stockholders' meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting, whether executed and/or delivered before or after such meeting.

Section 3.05 Quorum. A majority of the shares entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Stockholders. The Stockholders present at a duly organized meeting may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Stockholders to leave less than a quorum. The act of a majority of the shares entitled to vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Stockholders, unless a greater number is required by applicable law.

Section 3.06 Proxies. A Stockholder may vote either in person or by proxy executed in writing by the Stockholder or by his, her, or its duly authorized attorney-in-fact.

Section 3.07 Action Without A Meeting. Any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Stockholders may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the actions taken, shall be signed by the Stockholders, holding at least a majority of the voting power of the shares of the Corporation's stock entitled to vote at such meeting, unless a greater proportion of voting power is required for such an action at a meeting, as the case may be.

ARTICLE IV
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4.01 Number and Qualifications. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which shall consist of up to five (5) directors (any director of the Corporation being a “Director”), as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased at any time by a resolution of the Stockholders or the Board of Directors.

Section 4.02 Place of Meeting. Any meeting of the Board of Directors may be held either within or without the State of Nevada.

Section 4.03 Annual Meetings. Immediately after the annual meeting of the Stockholders, the Board of Directors may meet each year for the purpose of organization, election of Officers, and consideration of any other business that may be brought properly before the meeting. No notice of any kind to either old or new members of the Board of Directors for this annual meeting shall be necessary.

Section 4.04 Other Meetings. Other meetings of the Board of Directors may be held upon notice by mail, by any electronic means, or by any other delivery method permitted under applicable law, delivered for transmission not later than during the third day immediately preceding the day for the meeting, or by word of mouth, telephone, or radiophone received not later than during the second day preceding the day for the meeting, upon the call of the President or Secretary of the Corporation at any place within or without the State of Nevada. Notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors may be waived in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to the notice, whether before or after the time of the meeting. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice of waiver of notice of the meeting.

Section 4.05 Quorum. Directors holding at least a majority of the voting power of the Directors shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Directors. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the Directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by applicable law.

Section 4.06 Action Without A Meeting. Any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Directors, or of a committee, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the actions taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors, or all of the members of the committee, as the case may be.

Section 4.07 Powers. The Board of Directors may exercise all of the powers granted the Board under Nevada Law, the articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

ARTICLE V
THE OFFICERS

Section 5.01 Officers. The officers of the Corporation (the “Officers”) shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer and may also include a Chairman of the board, one or more Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Treasurers, or such other Officers or assistant Officers or agents as may be provided herein, or otherwise seemed necessary, from time to time be the Board of Directors. Officers need not be Directors of the Corporation. Each Officer so elected shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified, but shall be subject to removal at any time by the vote or written consent of a majority of the Directors. Any Officer may resign at any time upon written notice to the Secretary of the Corporation.

Section 5.02 Vacancies. Whenever any vacancies shall occur in any office by death, resignation, increase in the number of office of the Corporation, or otherwise, the same shall be filled the Board of Directors, and the Officer so elected shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified, subject to removal as aforesaid.

Section 5.03 The Chairman of the Board of Directors (the “Chairman”). If the Board of Directors elects Chairman, the Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Directors, discharge all duties incumbent upon the presiding Officer, and shall perform such other duties as these Bylaws provide or the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 5.04 The President. The President shall have active executive management of the operation of the Corporation, subject, however, to the control of the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at all meetings of Stockholders, discharge all the duties incumbent upon a presiding Officer, and perform such other duties as these Bylaws provide or the Board of Directors may prescribe. Except as may be otherwise provided in a resolution of the Board of Directors, the President shall have full authority to execute proxies on behalf of the Corporation, to vote stock owned by it in any other corporation, and to execute powers of attorney appointing other corporations, partnerships, or individuals the agent of the Corporation.

Section 5.05 The Vice President. If the Board of Directors elects a Vice President, the Vice President shall perform all duties incumbent upon the President during the absence or disability of the President, and shall perform such other duties as these Bylaws may provide or the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 5.06 The Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Stockholders and of the Board of Directors, and shall keep a true and complete record of the proceedings of these meetings. The Secretary shall be custodian of the records of the Corporation. The Secretary shall attend to the giving of all notices and shall perform such other duties as these Bylaws may provide or the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 5.07 The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep correct and complete records of account, showing accurately at all times the financial condition of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall be the legal custodian of all moneys, notes, securities, and other valuables that may from time to time come into the possession of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall immediately deposit all funds of the Corporation coming into his or her hands in some reliable bank or other depository to be designated by the Board of Directors, and shall keep this bank account in the name of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall furnish at meetings of the Board of Directors, or whenever requested, a statement of the financial condition of the Corporation, and shall perform such other duties as these Bylaws may provide or the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Treasurer may be required to furnish bond in such amount as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 5.08 Transfer of Authority. In case of the absence of any Officer of the Corporation, or for any other reason that the Board of Directors may deem sufficient, the Board of Directors may transfer the powers or duties of that Officer to any other Officer or to any Director or employee of the Corporation, provided that a majority of the full Board of Directors concurs.

ARTICLE VI
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS, DEEDS, AND CONTRACTS

All checks, drafts, notes, bonds, bills of exchange, and orders for the payment of money of the Corporation; all deeds mortgages, and other written contracts and agreements to which the Corporation shall be a party; and all assignments or endorsements of stock certificates, registered bonds, or other securities owned by the Corporation shall, unless otherwise required by law, or otherwise authorized by the Board of Directors as hereinafter set forth, be signed by the Chairman (if one has been elected) or by any one of the following Officers: President, Secretary or Treasurer. The Board of Directors may designate one or more persons, Officers or employees of the Corporation, who may, in the name of the Corporation and in lieu of, or in addition to, those persons hereinabove named, sign such instruments; and may authorize the use of facsimile signatures of any of such persons.

ARTICLE VII
INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,
EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS; INSURANCE

Section 7.01 Indemnity for Claims Not in Name of Corporation.

(a) The Corporation must indemnify, to the maximum extent permitted by the law, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, except an action by or in the right of the Corporation, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner which such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action, suit or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe such conduct was unlawful. The Corporation may not indemnify any such person if it is proven that such person's act, or failure to act, constituted a breach of such person's fiduciary duties as a director or officer, and such breach of those duties involved intentional misconduct, fraud or a knowing violation of law, making such person liable pursuant to Section 78.138 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

(b) The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person is liable pursuant to Section 78.138 of the Nevada Revised Statutes or did not act in good faith and in a manner which such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, or that, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, such person had reasonable cause to believe that such conduct was unlawful.

Section 7.02 Indemnity for Claims in Name of Corporation.

(a) Subject to Subsection 7.02(b) below, the Corporation must indemnify, to the maximum extent permitted by the law, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including amounts paid in settlement and attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner which such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation. The Corporation may not indemnify any such person if it is proven that such person's act, or failure to act, constituted a breach of such person's fiduciary duties as a director or officer, and such breach of those duties involved intentional misconduct, fraud or a knowing violation of law, making such person liable pursuant to Section 78.138 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

(b) Indemnification may not be made for any claim, issue or matter as to which such person has been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction, after exhaustion of all appeals therefrom, to be liable to the Corporation or for amounts paid in settlement to the Corporation, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought or other court of competent jurisdiction determines upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court deems proper.

Section 7.03 Success on merits. To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in sections 7.01 and 7.02, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified by the Corporation against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

Section 7.04 Expenses. Expenses incurred in defending a civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount if it is ultimately determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article.

Section 7.05 Other Sources of Indemnity. The indemnification provided by this Article:

(a) does not exclude any other rights to which a person seeking indemnification may be entitled under the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or any agreement, vote of Stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, for either an action in an official capacity or an action in another capacity while holding such office; and

(b) shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

Section 7.06 Insurance. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and expenses incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the authority to indemnify such person against such liability and expenses under the provisions of this Article or otherwise.

Section 7.07 Effect of Amendment. No amendment, modification or repeal of this Article or any provision hereof shall in any manner terminate, reduce or impair the right of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise to be indemnified by the Corporation, nor the obligation of the Corporation to indemnify any such person under and in accordance with the provisions of this Article 7 as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising, in whole or in part, from a state of facts existing on the date of, or relating to matters occurring prior to, such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

The power to alter, amend, or repeal these Bylaws, or adopt new bylaws, is vested in the Board of Directors, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the Board of Directors then holding office shall be necessary to effect and such action.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Bylaws are a true, complete, and correct copy of the Bylaws of the Corporation as adopted as of May 5, 2020.

/s/ Denis Phares

Denis J. Phares, Secretary

MULTI-TENANT INDUSTRIAL TRIPLE NET LEASE

This Multi-Tenant Industrial Triple Net Lease (this “**Lease**”) is made and entered into as of _____, 2020 (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between **ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (“**Landlord**”) and **DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP., a Nevada corporation** (“**Tenant**”). The following exhibits and attachments are incorporated into and made a part of this Lease: **Exhibit A-1** (Outline and Location of Premises), **Exhibit A-2** (Outline and Location of Project), **Exhibit B** (Intentionally Omitted), **Exhibit C** (Prohibited Use), **Exhibit D** (Rules and Regulations), **Exhibit E** (Confirmation Letter, if required), **Exhibit F** (Requirements for Improvements or Alterations by Tenant), **Exhibit G** (Hazardous Materials Survey Form), **Exhibit H** (Move Out Conditions), **Exhibit I** (Minimum Service Contract Requirements), and **Exhibit J** (Additional Provisions).

1. **BASIC LEASE INFORMATION.**

1.1 “**Building**” shall mean the industrial building located at 1190 Trademark Drive, Reno, Nevada, and more particularly shown on **Exhibit A-2** to this Lease. “**Rentable Square Footage of the Building**” is deemed to be approximately 396,000 square feet.

1.2 “**Premises**” shall mean the area shown on **Exhibit A-1** to this Lease and commonly known as Suite 108 located within the Building. The “**Rentable Square Footage of the Premises**” is deemed to be approximately 55,000 square feet. Landlord and Tenant stipulate and agree that the Rentable Square Footage of the Premises, the Rentable Square Footage of the Building and the Rentable Square Footage of the Project (as herein defined) are correct.

1.3 “**Base Rent**”:

Period	Monthly Base Rent
March 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021	\$ 0.00
May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022	\$ 30,800.00
May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023	\$ 31,724.00
May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024	\$ 32,675.72
May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025	\$ 33,655.99
May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026	\$ 34,665.67

1.4 “**Tenant’s Share**”: 13.89% of the Building and 2.85% of the Project.

1.5 “**Term**”: The period commencing on March 1, 2021 (the “**Commencement Date**”) and, unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Lease, ending on April 30, 2026 (the “**Termination Date**”).

1.6 “**Allowance(s)**”: None.

1.7 “**Security Deposit**”: \$39,368.17, as more fully described in Section 5.

1.8 “**Guarantor(s)**”: None.

- 1.9 “**Broker(s)**”: Kidder Mathews (“**Tenant’s Broker**”), which represented Tenant in connection with this transaction, and Kidder Mathews (“**Landlord’s Broker**”), which represented Landlord in connection with this transaction.
- 1.10 “**Permitted Use**”: Testing, assembly, distribution and warehousing of lithium battery packs, with ancillary office uses, subject to Section 2.2 below, as may be permitted under existing laws governing the Premises and for no other use or purpose. Landlord makes no warranty that the above-described use is permitted for the Premises under Applicable Laws.
- 1.11 “**Notice Address(es)**”:
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| Landlord: | Tenant: |
| Icon Reno Property Owner Pool 3 Nevada, LLC
c/o Link Logistics Real Estate Management LLC
90 Park Avenue, 32nd Floor
New York, New York 10016
Attention: General Counsel | The Premises |
| and | |
| Icon Reno Property Owner Pool 3 Nevada, LLC
c/o Link Logistics Real Estate Management LLC
602 W. Office Center Drive, Suite 200
Fort Washington, Pennsylvania 19034
Attention: Lease Administration
Email: lease-admin@liprop.com | |
- 1.12 “**Property**” means the Building and the parcel(s) of land on which it is located (the “**Land**”) and, at Landlord’s discretion, the parking facilities and other improvements, if any, serving the Building and the parcel(s) of Land on which they are located.
- 1.13 “**Project**” means the buildings, including the Building located within the six (6) building commercial project located in Reno, Nevada, commonly known as “South Meadows Business Park”, and more particularly shown on **Exhibit A-2** to this Lease. The “**Rentable Square Footage of the Project**” is deemed to be 1,932,324 square feet.
- 1.14 “**Landlord Work**” means the work, if any, that Landlord is obligated to perform in the Premises pursuant to Section 2.1 below.

2. PREMISES/USE.

- 2.1 **Premises.** Landlord hereby leases to Tenant the Premises, but excluding the Common Area (as herein defined) and any other portion of the Building, the Land, Property and/or the Project. Tenant (i) ACCEPTS THE PREMISES "AS-IS," WITH TENANT ACCEPTING ALL DEFECTS, IF ANY; AND LANDLORD MAKES NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE PREMISES (WITHOUT LIMITATION, LANDLORD MAKES NO WARRANTY AS TO THE HABITABILITY, FITNESS OR SUITABILITY OF THE PREMISES FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NOR AS TO COMPLIANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE LAWS (AS HEREIN DEFINED), OR AS TO THE ABSENCE OF ANY TOXIC OR OTHERWISE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS), (ii) acknowledges that the Premises are acceptable for Tenant's use, and (iii) waives all claims of defect in the Premises and any implied warranty that the Premises are suitable for Tenant's intended purposes. On the Commencement Date, Landlord shall deliver the Premises broom clean and free of debris with the existing mechanical systems, plumbing system, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning system serving the office portion of the Premises (but not the HVAC system serving the warehouse portion of the Premises, if any) (the "**HVAC System**"), in good operating condition on the Commencement Date and Landlord warrants that the HVAC System shall continue to operate in good working order for the period ending on the date sixty (60) days after the Commencement Date (the "**HVAC Warranty Period**"), except to the extent such failure in the HVAC System to operate in good working order is caused by Tenant's use or alterations to the Premises or failure to properly maintain the HVAC System as required by this Lease. If a non-compliance with the foregoing exists as of the Commencement Date, Landlord shall, except as otherwise provided in this Lease, promptly after receipt of written notice from Tenant setting forth with specificity the nature and extent of such non-compliance, commence to rectify same at Landlord's expense. If Tenant does not give Landlord written notice of a non-compliance within thirty (30) days after the Commencement Date, correction of that non-compliance shall be the obligation of Tenant at Tenant's sole cost and expense. If a non-compliance with the HVAC warranty exists at any time prior to the expiration of the HVAC Warranty Period, Landlord shall, except as otherwise provided in this Lease, promptly after receipt of written notice from Tenant setting forth with specificity the nature and extent of such non-compliance, commence to rectify same at Landlord's expense. If Tenant does not give Landlord written notice of a non-compliance on or before the expiration of the HVAC Warranty Period, correction of that non-compliance shall be the obligation of Tenant at Tenant's sole cost and expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at Landlord's sole cost and expense, Landlord shall perform the following improvements in the Premises prior to the Commencement Date (collectively, "**Landlord Work**"): (a) re-floor as floored areas in the office portion of the Premises; (b) repaint all painted walls in the office portion of the Premises; and (c) install LED high bay warehouse lights with motion sensors in the warehouse portion of the Premises. Tenant hereby acknowledges that the area of the Premises, the Building and the Project set forth in the Basic Lease Information is approximate only, and Tenant accepts and agrees to be bound by such figures for all purposes in this Lease.
- 2.2 **Use.** The Premises shall be used only for the Permitted Use and for no other uses without Landlord's written consent. Tenant's use of the Premises shall be in compliance with and subject to all applicable laws, statutes, codes, ordinances, orders, zoning, rules, regulations, conditions of approval and requirements of all federal, state, county, municipal and governmental authorities and all administrative or judicial orders or decrees and all permits, licenses, approvals and other entitlements issued by governmental entities, and rules of common law, relating to or affecting the Property, the Premises or the Building or the use or operation thereof, whether now existing or hereafter enacted, including, without limitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 USC 12111 et seq. (the "**ADA**") as the same may be amended from time to time, all Environmental Laws (as defined in Section 15.1), and any covenants, conditions and restrictions encumbering the Land, Property and/or the Project ("**CC&Rs**") or any supplement thereto recorded in any official or public records with respect to the Property and/or the Project or any portion thereof (collectively, "**Applicable Laws**"). Tenant shall be responsible for obtaining any permit, business license, or other permits or licenses required by any governmental agency permitting Tenant's use or occupancy of the Premises and for performing, at Tenant's sole cost, all modifications or additions to the Premises or the Common Areas in order to be in ADA compliance. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Landlord shall have no obligation to bring the Premises or Common Areas into compliance with ADA. If a change to the Common Areas or the Building becomes required under Applicable Law (or if any such requirement is enforced) as a result of any Alterations (herein defined) made to the Premises, the installation of any trade fixture in the Premises, any particular use of the Premises other than the Permitted Use, or any breach of Tenant's obligations under this Lease, then Tenant, upon demand, shall (x) at Landlord's option, either make such change at Tenant's cost or pay Landlord the cost of making such change, and (y) pay Landlord a coordination fee equal to 5% of the cost of such change. In no event shall the Premises be used for any Prohibited Use (as defined in **Exhibit C**) or for any federal illegal related activities (e.g., drug-related business). Tenant shall comply with the rules and regulations attached hereto as **Exhibit D**, together with such additional rules and regulations as Landlord may from time to time prescribe ("**Rules and Regulations**"). Landlord shall not knowingly discriminate against Tenant in Landlord's enforcement of the Rules and Regulations. Landlord shall not be responsible or liable to Tenant for the non-performance of any other tenant or occupant of the Building or Project of the Rules and Regulations or for any interference or disturbance of Tenant by any other tenant or occupant. Tenant shall not commit waste, overload the floors or structure of the Building, subject the Premises, the Building, the Common Area, Property or the Project to any use which would damage the same or increase the risk of loss or violate any insurance coverage, permit any unreasonable odors, smoke, dust, gas, substances, noise or vibrations to emanate from the Premises, take any action which would constitute a nuisance or would disturb, obstruct or endanger any other tenants, take any action which would abrogate any warranties, use or allow the Premises to be used for any unlawful purpose or conduct, or permit to be conducted, any auction upon the Premises.

3. **COMMENCEMENT DATE; POSSESSION.**

- 3.1 **Commencement Date.** The Commencement Date shall be the date set forth in Section 1.5 above. Tenant shall execute and return (or, by notice to Landlord, reasonably object to) a notice substantially in the form of **Exhibit E**, as a confirmation of the information set forth therein within thirty (30) days after receiving it from Landlord, and if Tenant fails to do so, Tenant shall be deemed to have executed and returned it without exception.
- 3.2 **Possession.** Landlord shall not be liable for a failure to complete the Landlord Work by the Commencement Date or deliver possession of the Premises or any other space including as a result of the holdover or unlawful possession of such space by another party, provided, however, Landlord shall use reasonable efforts to obtain possession of any such space. In such event, the Commencement Date for the Premises, or the commencement date for such other space, as applicable, shall be postponed until the date Landlord delivers possession of such space to Tenant free from occupancy by any party. Except as otherwise provided in this Lease, Tenant shall not be permitted to take possession of or enter the Premises prior to the Commencement Date without Landlord's approval. If Tenant takes possession of or enters the Premises before the Commencement Date, Tenant shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Lease; provided, however, except for the cost of services requested by Tenant (e.g. electricity or HVAC service), Tenant shall not be required to pay Rent for any entry or possession before the Commencement Date during which Tenant, with Landlord's approval, has entered, or is in possession of, the Premises for the sole purpose of performing improvements or installing furniture, equipment or other personal property.

3.3 **Early Access.** Tenant shall be entitled to early access to the Premises commencing on the date thirty (30) days prior to the Commencement Date (provided that Tenant has delivered to Landlord prepaid Base Rent and estimated Operating Expenses, the Security Deposit and the insurance certificates required under Section 11 below) and continuing until the Commencement Date. In no event shall Tenant commence business operations at the Premises prior to the Commencement Date. During such early access period, except as provided in the succeeding sentence hereof, all terms, provisions and conditions of this Lease shall apply. Tenant shall not be required to pay Base Rent or Operating Expenses under this Lease during such early access period. Early access to the Premises shall not advance the Termination Date of this Lease. Tenant shall coordinate such early access with Landlord and shall not interfere with the performance of any work or improvements by Landlord and its contractors and subcontractors, including but not limited to, the Landlord Work.

4. **RENT.** Tenant shall pay to Landlord the Base Rent, Real Property Taxes (as herein defined) and Operating Expenses (as herein defined), without notice, demand, offset or deduction, in advance, on the first day of each calendar month. All Rent and payments required to be paid by Tenant to Landlord shall be made by Tenant payable to the entity and sent to the address Landlord designates and shall be made by good and sufficient check payable in United States of America currency or by other means acceptable to Landlord or by Electronic Fund Transfer of immediately available federal funds before 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Upon the execution of this Lease, Tenant shall pay to Landlord the first month's Base Rent, the Security Deposit, and the first monthly installment of estimated Operating Expenses. If the Term commences (or ends) on a date other than the first (or last) day of a month, Base Rent shall be prorated on the basis of a thirty (30) day month. All sums other than Base Rent which Tenant is obligated to pay under this Lease shall be deemed to be additional rent due hereunder ("**Additional Rent**"), whether or not such sums are designated Additional Rent. The term "**Rent**" means the Base Rent and all Additional Rent payable hereunder. The obligation of Tenant to pay Base Rent and other sums to Landlord and the obligations of Landlord under this Lease are independent obligations. Tenant shall have no right at any time to abate, reduce, or set-off any rent due hereunder except as may be expressly provided in this Lease. If Tenant is delinquent in any monthly installment of Base Rent or Additional Rent for more than five (5) days, Tenant shall pay to Landlord on demand a late charge equal to ten percent (10%) of such delinquent sum and such delinquent sum shall also bear interest from the date such amount was due until paid in full at the lesser of (i) fifteen percent (15%) per annum; or (ii) at the maximum rate permitted by law ("**Applicable Interest Rate**"). The provision for such late charge shall be in addition to all of Landlord's other rights and remedies hereunder or at law and shall not be construed as a penalty.

5. **SECURITY DEPOSIT.** Upon the execution of this Lease, Tenant shall pay to Landlord the Security Deposit. The Security Deposit shall be held by Landlord as security for the full and faithful performance of each provision of this Lease to be performed by Tenant. The Security Deposit is not an advance rental deposit or a measure of Landlord's damages in the case of an Event of Default by Tenant. If Tenant breaches any provision hereof, Landlord may, at its option, without limiting its remedies and without notice to Tenant, apply all or part of the Security Deposit to cure such breach and compensate Landlord for any loss or damage caused by such breach. Tenant shall pay Landlord on demand the amount that will restore the Security Deposit to its original amount. No interest shall accrue on the Security Deposit and Landlord is not required to keep the Security Deposit separate from Landlord's own funds. The Security Deposit shall be the property of Landlord, but shall be paid to Tenant within a reasonable period of time after Tenant's obligations under this Lease have been completely fulfilled. Landlord shall be released from any obligation with respect to the Security Deposit upon transfer of this Lease and the Premises to a person or entity assuming Landlord's obligations under this Section.

6. **UTILITIES.**

- 6.1 **Utilities.** Tenant shall pay all charges for heat, water, gas, electricity, telephone, internet and any other utilities and services used on or provided to the Premises, along with any taxes, penalties, and surcharges related thereto and any maintenance and facility charges in connection with the provision of such utilities. If certain utilities are furnished to the Premises in common with other premises, then Landlord shall make a good faith estimate as to the amount used by each tenant (including Tenant) and bill each tenant accordingly; however, at any time, Landlord may elect to install one or more sub-meters for one or more premises (which, if installed at the Premises, shall be at Tenant's expenses) in which event Landlord will bill each tenant whose premises is sub-metered for the amount used according to that tenant's sub-meter. Any amounts which Landlord bills to Tenant under the terms of this Section 6.1 will be considered Additional Rent and will be due within ten (10) days after the date upon which Landlord delivers such bill to Tenant.
- 6.2 **Interruption of Utilities.** Landlord shall have no liability to Tenant for any interruption in utilities or services to be provided to the Premises when such failure is caused by all or any of the following: (a) accident, casualty, breakage or repairs; (b) strikes, lockouts or other labor disturbances or labor disputes of any such character; (c) governmental regulation, moratorium or other governmental action; (d) inability, despite the exercise of reasonable diligence, to obtain electricity, water or fuel; (e) service interruptions or any other unavailability of utilities resulting from causes beyond Landlord's control including without limitation, any electrical power "brown-out" or "black-out"; (f) act or default by Tenant or other party; or (g) any other cause beyond Landlord's reasonable control. In addition, in the event of any such interruption in utilities or services, Tenant shall not be entitled to any abatement or reduction of Rent (except as expressly provided in Section 16 and Section 17 if such failure is a result of any casualty damage or Taking described therein), no eviction of Tenant shall result, and Tenant shall not be relieved from the performance of any covenant or agreement in this Lease. In the event of any stoppage or interruption of services or utilities which are not obtained directly by Tenant, Landlord shall diligently attempt to resume such services or utilities as promptly as practicable. Tenant hereby waives the provisions of any applicable existing or future law, ordinance or governmental regulation concerning constructive eviction or permitting the termination of this Lease due to an interruption, failure or inability to provide any services.

7. **TAXES.** Tenant shall pay to Landlord Tenant's Share of all Real Property Taxes (as herein defined) for each full or partial calendar year during the Term in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 8 and Section 9 below. “**Real Property Taxes**” shall mean (a) all taxes, assessments, supplementary taxes, possessory interest taxes, levies, fees, exactions or charges and other governmental charges, together with any interest, charges, fees and penalties in connection therewith, which are assessed, levied, charged, conferred or imposed by any public authority upon the Land, the Building, the Property, the Project or any other improvements, fixtures, equipment or other property located at or on the Land, the Building, the Property, or the Project, all capital levies, franchise taxes, any excise, use, margin, transaction, sales or privilege taxes, assessments, levies or charges and other taxes assessed or imposed on Landlord upon the rents payable to Landlord under this Lease (excluding net income taxes imposed on Landlord unless such net income taxes are in substitution for any Real Property Taxes payable hereunder), including but not limited to, gross receipts taxes, assessments for special improvement districts and building improvement districts, governmental charges, fees and assessments for police, fire, traffic mitigation or other governmental service of purported benefit to the Land, Building, Property, Project or Premises, taxes and assessments levied in substitution or supplementation in whole or in part of any such taxes and assessments and the share of the Land, Building, Property, Project and Premises of any real estate taxes and assessments under any reciprocal easement agreement, common area agreement or similar agreement as to the Land, Building, Property, Project or Premises; (b) all personal property taxes for property that is owned by Landlord and used in connection with the operation, maintenance and repair of the Land, Building, Property, Project or Premises; and (c) all costs and fees incurred in connection with seeking reductions in any tax liabilities described in (a) and (b), including, without limitation, any costs incurred by Landlord for compliance, review and appeal of tax liabilities. Prior to delinquency, Tenant shall pay all taxes and assessments, together with any interest, charges, fees and penalties in connection therewith, levied upon trade fixtures, alterations, additions, improvements, inventories, equipment and other personal property located and/or installed on the Premises by Tenant; and, upon request, Tenant shall provide Landlord copies of receipts for payment of all such taxes and assessments. To the extent any such taxes are not separately assessed or billed to Tenant, Tenant shall pay the amount thereof as invoiced by Landlord. Landlord may, but is not obligated to, contest by appropriate legal proceedings the amount, validity, or application of any Real Property Taxes or liens thereof.

8. **OPERATING EXPENSES.**

- 8.1 **Operating Expenses.** Tenant shall pay to Landlord Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses for each full or partial calendar year during the Term, as provided in Section 9 below. It is intended that this Lease be a “triple net lease,” and that the Rent to be paid hereunder by Tenant will be received by Landlord without any deduction or offset whatsoever by Tenant, foreseeable or unforeseeable, except as expressly set forth in this Lease. Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Lease, Landlord shall not be required to make any expenditure, incur any obligation, or incur any liability of any kind whatsoever in connection with this Lease or the ownership, construction, maintenance, operation or repair of the Premises, Property or the Project. To the extent the Building shares certain items or services with other buildings, Landlord shall reasonably allocate items or services between such buildings and/or users.

- 8.2 **Definition of Operating Expenses.** “**Operating Expenses**” means the total costs and expenses incurred by Landlord in the ownership, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and management of the Building, the Land, the Building Common Area, the Project and/or the Project Common Area, including, but not limited to: (1) repair, replacement, maintenance, utility costs and landscaping of the Building Common Area and Project Common Area, including, but not limited to, any and all costs of maintenance, repair and replacement of all parking areas (including bumpers, sweeping, striping and slurry coating), common driveways, loading and unloading areas, trash areas, outdoor lighting, sidewalks, walkways, landscaping (including tree trimming), irrigation systems, fences and gates and other costs which are allocable to the Building, the Building Common Area, the Land, the Project and/or the Project Common Area; (2) non-structural maintenance and repair of the roof (and roof membrane), skylights and exterior walls of the Premises (including exterior painting); (3) the costs relating to the insurance maintained by Landlord as described in Section 11.1 below, including, without limitation, Landlord’s cost of any deductible or self-insurance retention; (4) costs under maintenance contracts for, and the repair and replacement of, the elevators, if any, and all heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems, but only to the extent maintained by Landlord or to the extent used in common with other occupants of the Building or Project or otherwise serving any Common Area; (5) maintenance, repair, replacement, monitoring and operation costs of all mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, but only to the extent maintained by Landlord or to the extent used in common with other occupants of the Building or Project or otherwise serving any Common Area; (6) maintenance, repair, replacement, monitoring and operation costs of the fire/life safety and sprinkler system (to the extent Landlord is obligated to do so pursuant to Section 12.2); (7) trash collection and snow removal costs; (8) costs of capital improvements or capital replacements (excluding the roof structure) made to or capital assets acquired for the Building, the Project, or the Land after the Commencement Date that are intended to reduce Operating Expenses or are reasonably necessary for the health and safety of the occupants of the Building or the Project or are required under any governmental law or regulation or are necessary in order to keep the Building or the Project in good working order, which capital costs, or an allocable portion thereof, shall be amortized over the period determined by Landlord, together with interest on the unamortized balance at ten percent (10%); (9) commercially reasonable reserves set aside for maintenance and repair; (10) any other costs incurred by Landlord related to the Building, the Land and/or the Project including, but not limited to, paving, parking areas, roads, driveways, alleys, mowing, landscape, heating and ventilation; (11) assessments, association fees and all other costs assessed or charged under the CC&Rs, if any, that are attributable to the Land, the Building and/or the Project in connection with any property owners or maintenance association or operator; and (12) a management fee, not to exceed 5% of gross receipts from leases at the Building and/or the Project, for the management of this Lease, the Premises, the Building, the Land and/or the Project including the cost of those services which are customarily performed by a property management services company, whether performed by Landlord or by an affiliate of Landlord or through an outside management company or any combination of the foregoing. Operating Expenses shall not include (i) replacement of or structural repairs to the roof structure or the exterior walls; (ii) repairs to the extent covered by insurance proceeds that are actually received by Landlord, or paid by Tenant or other third parties; (iii) alterations solely attributable to tenants of the Project other than Tenant; (iv) marketing expenses; and (v) any cost or expense associated with compliance with any laws, ordinances, rules or regulations regarding any condition existing in the Building or on the Land or in the Project if such condition existed prior to the Commencement Date.
- 8.3 **Gross Up.** If the Project is less than ninety-five percent (95%) occupied during any calendar year, the variable components of Operating Expenses as determined by Landlord shall be calculated as if the Project had been 95% occupied for the full calendar year. Any Operating Expenses or Real Property Taxes that are specifically attributable to the Building or to any other building in the Project or to the operation, repair and maintenance thereof, may be allocated entirely to the Building or to such other building. However, any Operating Expenses and Real Property Taxes that are not specifically attributable to the Building or to any other building or to the operation, repair and maintenance thereof, may be equitably allocated by Landlord to all buildings in the Project.

9. **ESTIMATED EXPENSES.**

- 9.1 **Payment.** "Estimated Expenses" for any particular year shall mean Landlord's estimate of Operating Expenses and Real Property Taxes for a calendar year. Tenant shall pay Tenant's Share of the Estimated Expenses with installments of Base Rent in monthly installments of one-twelfth (1/12th) thereof on the first day of each calendar month during such year. If at any time Landlord determines that Operating Expenses and/or Real Property Taxes are projected to vary from the then Estimated Expenses, Landlord may, by notice to Tenant, revise such Estimated Expenses, and Tenant's monthly installments for the remainder of such year shall be adjusted so that by the end of such calendar year Tenant has paid to Landlord Tenant's Share of the revised Estimated Expenses for such year. If Landlord does not provide Tenant with an estimate of the Operating Expenses or the Real Property Taxes by January 1 of a calendar year, Tenant shall continue to pay monthly installments based on the previous year's estimate(s) until Landlord provides Tenant with the new estimate. Upon delivery of the new estimate, an adjustment shall be made for any month for which Tenant paid monthly installments based on the previous year's estimate.
- 9.2 **Adjustment. "Operating Expenses and Real Property Taxes Adjustment"** (or "Adjustment") shall mean the difference between Tenant's Share of Estimated Expenses, on the one hand, and Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses and Real Property Taxes, collectively, on the other hand, for any calendar year. Promptly after the end of each calendar year, Landlord shall deliver to Tenant a statement of Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses and Real Property Taxes for such calendar year, accompanied by a computation of the Adjustment. If Tenant's payments for Operating Expenses are less than Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses, or if Tenant's payments of Real Property Taxes are less than Tenant's Share of Real Property Taxes, then Tenant shall pay the difference within twenty (20) days after receipt of such statement. Tenant's obligation to pay such amount shall survive the expiration or termination of this Lease. If Tenant's payments for Operating Expenses exceed Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses, or if Tenant's payments for Real Property Taxes exceed Tenant's Share of Real Property Taxes, then so long as an Event of Default by Tenant has not occurred Landlord shall credit such excess amount to future installments of Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses and/or Real Property Taxes, as the case may be, for the next calendar year (or pay to Tenant such excess in the event the Term has expired). If an Event of Default by Tenant occurs, Landlord may, but shall not be required to, credit such amount to Rent arrearages.

10. **INDEMNITY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS.**

- 10.1 **Indemnity.** Tenant shall indemnify, protect, defend (by counsel acceptable to Landlord) and hold harmless Landlord and Landlord's affiliated entities, and each of their respective trustees, members, managers, principals, beneficiaries, partners, directors, officers, employees, shareholders, Mortgagees, agents, contractors, successors and assigns (individually and collectively, "**Indemnitees**") from and against any and all claims, judgments, causes of action, damages, obligations, penalties, fines, taxes, costs, liens, liabilities, losses, charges and expenses, including without limitation all attorneys' fees and other professional fees (collectively referred to as "**Losses**") which may be imposed upon, incurred by or asserted against Landlord or any of the Indemnitees at any time during or after the Term by any third party and arising out of or in connection with (1) any Event of Default in the performance of any obligation on Tenant's part to be performed under the terms of this Lease, or (2) any damages or injury occurring in the Premises, Tenant's use of the Premises, any acts or omissions (including violations of Applicable Laws) of Tenant or any Tenant Party, the conduct of Tenant's business, or any activity, work or things done, permitted or suffered by Tenant or any Tenant Party in or about the Premises, the Building, the Common Area, the Property or other portions of the Project, except to the extent caused by Landlord's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Landlord reserves the right to retain counsel for its defense, in which case Tenant shall be responsible for the costs of such defense. The obligations of Tenant under this Section 10 shall survive the termination of this Lease with respect to any claims or liability arising prior to such termination.
- 10.2 **Waiver of Claims.** Tenant, as a material part of the consideration to Landlord, hereby assumes all risk of illness or injury to persons in, upon or about the Premises, the Building, the Land, the Common Area or other portions of the Property or Project arising from any cause and all risk of damage to property including, but not limited to, Tenant's Property and all Alterations in, upon or about the Premises, the Building, the Land, the Common Area or other portions of the Property arising from any cause and Tenant hereby expressly releases Landlord and the Indemnitees and waives all claims in respect thereof against Landlord and the Indemnitees; provided, however, subject to Section 11.3.5, the foregoing release and waiver shall not apply to the extent such claims are caused by Landlord's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Landlord shall not be liable for any damages arising from any act or neglect of any contractor or other tenant, if any, of the Building or the Project or Landlord's failure to enforce the terms of any agreements with parties other than Tenant.

11. **INSURANCE.**

- 11.1 **Landlord.** Landlord shall maintain insurance through individual policies insuring the Building against fire and extended coverage (including, if Landlord elects, "special cause of loss form" coverage, earthquake/volcanic action, flood and/or surface water insurance) for the full replacement cost of the Building, with deductibles in the form and endorsements of such coverage as selected by Landlord, together with business interruption insurance against loss of Rent in an amount equal to the amount of Rent for a period of at least twelve (12) months commencing on the date of loss. Landlord may also carry such other insurance as Landlord may deem prudent or advisable, including, without limitation, liability insurance in such amounts and on such terms as Landlord shall determine. The Building may be included in a blanket policy or captive insurance program. Tenant shall pay to Landlord, as a portion of the Operating Expenses, the costs of the insurance coverages described herein, including, without limitation, Landlord's cost of any self-insurance deductible or retention.

- 11.2 **Tenant.** Tenant shall, at Tenant's expense, obtain and keep in force at all times the following insurance (and any other commercially reasonable form(s) of insurance Landlord may reasonably require from time to time) in the following coverage amounts, which coverage amounts Landlord may reasonably increase from time to time upon reasonable advance written notice to Tenant in the event Tenant's operations change or Landlord otherwise reasonably determines that such coverage amounts are inadequate under the circumstances:
- 11.2.1 Commercial General Liability Insurance (Occurrence Form). A policy of commercial general liability insurance ("**CGL Policy**") (occurrence form) having a combined single limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) aggregate per location (if Tenant has multiple locations) with deductible amounts that are reasonably acceptable to Landlord (and its lender, if applicable), providing coverage for defense costs outside of the policy limits and including coverage for, among other things, bodily injury, personal injury, property damages arising out of Tenant's operating and contractual liabilities, including coverage formerly known as broad form, blanket contractual liability for both oral and written contracts, premises and operations, products/completed operations, owners and contractors protective, personal and advertising injury, and with an "Additional Insured-Managers or Lessors of Premises Endorsement" and containing the "Amendment of the Pollution Exclusion Endorsement" for damage caused by heat, smoke or fumes from a hostile fire. The CGL Policy shall delete the exclusion for operations within fifty (50) feet of a railroad track (railroad protective liability), if applicable, and if applicable, and, if necessary, Tenant shall provide for restoration of the aggregate limit. The CGL Policy shall not contain any intra-insured exclusions as between insured persons or organizations, but shall include coverage for liability assumed under this Lease as an "insured contract" for the performance of Tenant's indemnity obligations under this Lease;
- 11.2.2 Automobile Liability Insurance. Business automobile liability insurance having a combined single limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and insuring Tenant against liability for claims arising out of ownership, maintenance, or use of any owned, hired or non-owned automobiles;
- 11.2.3 Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance. Workers' compensation insurance having limits not less than those required by applicable state and federal statute, and covering all persons employed by Tenant, including volunteers, in the conduct of its operations on the Premises, together with employer's liability insurance coverage in the amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00);

- 11.2.4 Property Insurance. “All risk” or “special cause of loss form” property insurance including coverage for vandalism, malicious mischief, sprinkler leakage and, if applicable, boiler and machinery comprehensive form, insuring (1) Tenant’s fixtures, furniture, equipment (including electronic data processing equipment, if applicable), merchandise, inventory, and all other personal property and other contents contained within the Premises (collectively “**Tenant’s Property**”) and (2) the Alterations (as hereinafter defined) in an amount equal to the then applicable full replacement cost thereof. Landlord shall be designated as a loss payee with respect to Tenant’s property insurance on any Alterations. In the event property of Tenant’s invitees or customers are kept in the Premises or Project, Tenant shall maintain warehouse’s legal liability or bailee customers insurance for the full value of the property of such invitees or customers as determined by the warehouse contract between Tenant and its customer;
- 11.2.5 Business Interruption. Loss of income and extra expense insurance in amounts as will reimburse Tenant for direct or indirect loss of earnings for a period of not less than twelve (12) months, attributable to all perils included in the “all risk” or “special cause of loss form” property insurance policy required in Section 11.2.4 above or attributable to prevention of access to the Premises as a result of such perils; and
- 11.2.6 Environmental Insurance. If Tenant handles, stores or utilizes Hazardous Materials in its business operations, Pollution Legal Liability Insurance and/or Environmental Impairment Insurance covering claims for damage or injury caused by hazardous materials, including, without limitation, bodily injury, wrongful death, property damage, including loss of use, removal, cleanup and restoration or work and material necessary to return the Premises and any other property of whatever nature located on the Premises to their condition existing prior to the appearance of Tenant’s hazardous materials on the Premises. If such coverage is required, Landlord shall determine limits of liability.
- 11.2.7 Umbrella/Excess Insurance. An umbrella liability policy or excess liability policy having a limit of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), which policy shall be in “following form” and shall provide that if the underlying aggregate is exhausted, the excess coverage will drop down as primary insurance. Such umbrella liability policy or excess liability policy shall include coverage for additional insureds.

11.3 **General.**

- 11.3.1 Insurance Companies. Insurance required to be maintained by Tenant shall be written by companies authorized to do business in the state in which the Premises are located and having a “Financial Strength Rating” of at least “A-VIII” (or such higher rating as may be required by a Mortgagee [as herein defined] having a lien on the Premises) as determined by A.M. Best Company.

- 11.3.2 Certificates of Insurance. Tenant shall deliver to Landlord certificates of insurance for all insurance required to be maintained by Tenant in the form of ACORD 28 (Evidence of Commercial Property Insurance) and ACORD 25-S (Certificate of Liability Insurance) (or in a form acceptable to Landlord in its reasonable discretion), no later than seven (7) days after the Effective Date of this Lease (but in any event prior to any entry onto the Premises by Tenant or any employee, agent or contractor of Tenant). Upon request, Tenant shall also provide to Landlord a true, correct and complete copy of the actual insurance policy for all insurance required to be maintained by Tenant hereof. Tenant shall, at least ten (10) days prior to expiration of any required coverage, furnish Landlord with certificates of renewal or “binders” thereof. Acceptance by Landlord of delivery of any certificates of insurance does not constitute approval or agreement by Landlord that the insurance requirements in Section 11.2 have been met, and failure of Landlord to demand such evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of Landlord to identify a deficiency from evidence provided will not be construed as a waiver of Tenant’s obligation to maintain such insurance. If Tenant fails to maintain any insurance required in this Lease, Tenant shall be liable for all losses and costs suffered or incurred by Landlord (including litigation costs and attorneys’ fees and expenses) resulting from said failure. If Tenant fails to deliver any certificate or renewal to Landlord required under this Lease within the prescribed time period or if any such policy is canceled or modified during the Term without Landlord’s prior written consent, Landlord may obtain such insurance and charge the cost thereof to Tenant which amount shall be payable by Tenant to Landlord upon demand, as Additional Rent or impose on Tenant, as Additional Rent, a monthly delinquency fee, for each month during which Tenant fails to comply with the foregoing obligation, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the Base Rent then in effect.
- 11.3.3 Additional Insureds; Primary Coverage. Landlord, Landlord’s Mortgagee, if any, any property management company of Landlord for the Premises, and any other party designated by Landlord shall be named as additional insureds (“**Additional Insureds**”) under Insurance Services Office (“**ISO**”) endorsement CG 201011 85 or equivalent under all of the policies required by Sections 11.2.1, 11.2.2, 11.2.6 and 11.2.7, and such endorsement shall be included with the certificates to be provided to Landlord pursuant to Section 11.3.2 above. The policies carried or required to be carried by Tenant pursuant to Sections 11.2.1, 11.2.2, 11.2.6 and 11.2.7 shall provide for severability of interest and shall be primary as respects the Additional Insureds, and any insurance maintained by the Additional Insureds shall be excess and non-contributing. Landlord is to be insured as its interests may appear and is to be designated as a loss payee on the insurance required to be maintained by Tenant pursuant to Section 11.2.4.
- 11.3.4 Limits of Insurance. The limits and types of insurance maintained by Tenant shall not limit Tenant’s liability under this Lease, except as expressly provided in Section 11.3.5 below.
- 11.3.5 Mutual Waiver of Subrogation. Each party waives, and shall cause its insurance carrier to waive, any right of recovery against the other for any loss of or damage to property which loss or damage is (or, if the insurance required hereunder had been carried, would have been) covered by insurance. The failure of a party to insure its property shall not void this waiver. Neither party, nor its officers, directors, employees, managers, agents, or contractors, shall be liable to the other for any business interruption loss incurred, and each party waives any claims against the other party, and its officers, directors, employees, managers, agents and contractors for such business interruption loss from any cause whatsoever, including, but not limited to damage caused in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by the negligent acts of the other party at the Premises or the Project. For purposes of this Section 11.3.5, any deductible with respect to a party’s insurance shall be deemed covered by, and recoverable by such party under, valid and collectable policies of insurance.

- 11.3.6 Notification of Incidents. Tenant shall notify Landlord within twenty-four (24) hours after the occurrence of any accidents or incidents in the Premises, the Building, Common Areas, Property or the Project which could give rise to a claim under any of the insurance policies required under this Section 11.

12. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.**

- 12.1 **Tenant Obligations.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in Section 12.2, Tenant, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, shall keep and maintain the interior and exterior of the Premises in good, clean and safe order, condition and repair, including replacement (as necessary), including, without limitation, the following: loading docks, roll up doors and ramps; floors, subfloors and floor coverings; walls and wall coverings (excluding painting of exterior walls); doors, locks and other locking devices, windows, glass and plate glass; ceilings, skylights, and lighting systems; all plumbing, electrical and mechanical equipment and systems inside or exclusively serving the Premises; all heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment and systems inside or exclusively serving the Premises (subject to Landlord's rights described below); and wiring, appliances and devices using or containing refrigerants, or otherwise attached to or part of Tenant's trade-fixtures and/or equipment. Tenant shall enter into a regularly scheduled preventive maintenance/service contract ("**Service Contract**") with a maintenance contractor reasonably acceptable to Landlord for servicing all heating ventilation, and air conditioning systems and equipment inside or exclusively serving the Premises (collectively, the "**HVAC System**"), which Service Contract shall at a minimum comply with the requirements set forth on **Exhibit I** attached hereto. Tenant shall deliver full and complete copies of the Service Contract (and any other service contracts entered into by Tenant) to Landlord within one hundred twenty (120) days after the Commencement Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Landlord may elect to maintain the Service Contract respecting the HVAC System, in which case Tenant shall reimburse Landlord within thirty (30) days after Landlord's demand for the cost of the Service Contract and shall promptly undertake and complete the repairs and/or replacements recommended by such maintenance contractor during the Term of this Lease. All repairs and replacements by Tenant shall be made and performed: (1) at Tenant's cost and expense and at such time and in such manner as Landlord may designate, (2) by certified contractors or mechanics reasonably approved by Landlord, (3) so that same shall be at least equal in quality, value and utility to the original work or installation, (4) in a manner and using equipment and materials that will not interfere with or impair the operations, use or occupation of the Building or any of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing or other systems in the Building, Property or the Project, and (5) in accordance with the Rules and Regulations and all Applicable Laws. In the event Tenant fails, in the reasonable judgment of Landlord, to maintain the Premises in accordance with the obligations under this Lease, which failure continues at the end of fifteen (15) days following Tenant's receipt of written notice from Landlord stating the nature of the failure, or in the case of an emergency immediately without prior notice, Landlord shall have the right to enter the Premises and perform such maintenance, repairs or refurbishing at Tenant's sole cost and expense (including a sum for overhead to Landlord equal to ten percent (10%) of the costs of maintenance, repairs or refurbishing). Tenant shall maintain written records of maintenance and repair and shall deliver copies thereof to Landlord upon request.

- 12.2 **Landlord Obligations.** Landlord shall repair damage to structural portions of the roof, foundation and load-bearing portions of walls (excluding wall coverings, painting, glass and doors) of the Building, and Landlord shall maintain and repair the Common Areas (as herein defined); provided, (a) if such damage is caused by an act or omission of Tenant, or any Tenant Party, then such repairs shall be at Tenant's sole expense and (b) Landlord shall not be required to make any repair resulting from (1) any alteration or modification to the Building or to mechanical equipment within the Building performed by, for or because of Tenant or to special equipment or systems installed by, for or because of Tenant, (2) the installation, moving, use or operation of Tenant's Property, (3) Tenant's use or occupancy of the Premises in violation of Section 15 of this Lease, (4) fire and other casualty, except as provided by Section 16 of this Lease, or (5) condemnation, except as provided in Section 17 of this Lease. There shall be no abatement of Rent during the performance of such work. Landlord shall not be liable to Tenant for injury or damage that may result from any defect in the construction or condition of the Premises, nor for any damage that may result from interruption of Tenant's use of the Premises during any repairs by Landlord. Tenant waives any right to repair the Premises, the Building, the Project and/or the Common Area at the expense of Landlord under any Applicable Laws.

13. **ALTERATIONS.**

- 13.1 **Trade Fixtures; Alterations.** Subject to limitations set forth in this Lease, Tenant may install necessary trade fixtures, equipment and furniture in the Premises, provided that all alterations are done in compliance with **Exhibit F** and such items are installed and are removable without structural or material damage to the Premises, or the Building. Tenant shall not construct, nor allow to be constructed, any alterations or physical additions in, about or to the Premises without obtaining the prior written consent of Landlord, which consent shall be conditioned upon Tenant's compliance with the provisions of **Exhibit F** and any other applicable requirements of Landlord regarding construction of improvements and alterations. If Landlord does not respond to a written request from Tenant made in accordance with **Exhibit F** within ten (10) business days, then Landlord shall be deemed to disapprove such request. If requested by Landlord, Tenant shall file a notice of completion after completion of such work and provide Landlord with a copy thereof.
- 13.2 **Damage; Removal.** Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease, Tenant shall remove any or all trade fixtures, alterations, additions, improvements and partitions ("Alteration(s)") made or installed by or for the benefit of Tenant and repair all damage caused by the installation or removal thereof; provided, however, Landlord may require Tenant to have all or any portion of such items designated by Landlord to remain at the Premises, in which event they shall be and become the property of Landlord upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease. All such removals and restoration shall be accomplished in a good and workmanlike manner and so as not to cause any damage to the Premises, the Building, the Common Area, the Property or the Project whatsoever.
- 13.3 **Liens.** Tenant shall promptly pay and discharge all claims for labor performed, supplies furnished and services rendered at the request of Tenant and shall keep the Premises free of all mechanics' and materialmen's liens in connection therewith. Tenant shall remove any such lien within ten (10) business days after notice from Landlord, and if Tenant fails to do so, an Event of Default by Tenant shall have occurred, and in addition, Landlord, without limiting its remedies, may bond, insure over or otherwise pay the amount necessary to cause such removal, whether or not such lien is valid. The amount so paid, together with reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, shall be reimbursed by Tenant upon demand. Before commencing any work, Tenant must record a Notice of Posted Security with the Washoe County Recorder in form required by Nevada Revised Statute ("**NRS**") Section 108.2403 and either (i) establish a construction disbursement account and fund the account in the amount of not less than the amount of the prime contract, obtain the services of a construction control to administer the account and notify each person who notifies Tenant of a right to lien of the establishment of the construction disbursement account in accordance with the provisions of NRS Section 108.2403, or (ii) record a surety bond for 1.5 times the amount of the prime contract that meets the requirements of NRS Section 108.2415 and notify each person who gives Tenant a notice of right to lien of the recording of the surety bond as required by NRS 108.2403. Tenant shall comply with each and every term of NRS 108.2403 such that Landlord achieves the status of a "Disinterested Owner" as defined and described in NRS 108.234.

14. **LANDLORD'S RIGHTS.** Landlord reserves the right to enter the Premises upon reasonable notice to Tenant (or without notice in case of an emergency) and/or to undertake the following all without abatement of rent or liability to Tenant: inspect the Premises and/or the performance by Tenant of the terms and conditions hereof; make such alterations, repairs, improvements or additions to the Premises as required or permitted hereunder; change boundary lines of the Land so long as such change does not materially and adversely impact Tenant's use of the parking area and/or access to the Premises; install, use, maintain, repair, alter, relocate or replace any pipes, ducts, conduits, wires, equipment and other facilities in the Common Area or the Building; install, maintain and operate conduit cabling within the utility and/or conduit ducts and risers within the Building, as well as grant lease, license or use rights to third parties, to utilize the foregoing easements or licenses on the Land, the Property and/or the Project; grant easements, rights of way, utility raceways and make dedications; dedicate for public use portions of the Land, the Property and/or the Project; and record parcel maps, restrictions, covenants, conditions and restrictions affecting the Land, the Property and/or the Project and/or amendments to existing CC&Rs which do not unreasonably interfere with Tenant's use of the Premises or impose additional material monetary obligations on Tenant; change the name of the Building, the Property and/or the Project; affix reasonable signs and displays on the Building and/or the Land (including rental signs); and, show the Premises to prospective purchasers, current or prospective investors, Mortgagees, ground lessees or insurers, or, during the last twelve (12) months of the Term (or following any Event of Default), prospective tenants. If reasonably necessary, Landlord may temporarily close all or a portion of the Premises to perform repairs, alterations and additions. However, except in emergencies, Landlord will not close the Premises if the work can reasonably be completed on weekends and after normal business hours. Entry by Landlord shall not constitute a constructive eviction or entitle Tenant to an abatement or reduction of Rent.

15. **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.**

- 15.1 **Hazardous Materials.** Tenant shall not cause nor permit, nor allow any of Tenant's or Tenant's affiliates' employees, agents, customers, visitors, invitees, licensees, contractors, assignees or subtenants (individually, a "**Tenant Party**" and collectively, "**Tenant's Parties**") to cause or permit, any Hazardous Materials (as defined herein) to be brought upon, stored, manufactured, generated, blended, handled, recycled, treated, disposed or used on, under or about the Premises, the Building, the Common Area, Property or the Project, except for routine office and janitorial supplies in usual and customary quantities stored, used and disposed of in accordance with all applicable Environmental Laws. Tenant shall not install, operate or maintain any above or below grade tank, sump, pit, pond, lagoon or other storage or treatment vessel or device on the Property without Landlord's prior written consent which may be withheld in Landlord's sole discretion. As used herein, the term "**Environmental Laws**" means all applicable present and future statutes, regulations, ordinances, rules, codes, judgments, orders or other similar enactments of any governmental authority or agency regulating or relating to health, safety, or environmental conditions on, under, or about the Premises or the environment, including without limitation, the following: the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; and all state and local counterparts thereto (including Chapter 459 of the NRS), and any regulations or policies promulgated or issued thereunder. The term "**Hazardous Materials**" means and includes any substance, material, waste, pollutant, or contaminant listed or defined as hazardous or toxic, under any Environmental Laws, asbestos and petroleum, including crude oil or any fraction thereof, natural gas liquids, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas usable for fuel (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas) and explosives, flammables, or radioactive substances of any kind. As defined in Environmental Laws, Tenant is and shall be deemed to be the "operator" of Tenant's "facility" and the "owner" of all Hazardous Materials brought on the Premises by Tenant, its agents, employees, contractors or invitees, and the wastes, by-products, or residues generated, resulting, or produced therefrom. Tenant and Tenant's Parties shall comply with all Environmental Laws and promptly notify Landlord in writing of the violation of any Environmental Law or presence of any Hazardous Materials, other than office and janitorial supplies as permitted above, in, on, under or about the Premises or the improvements or the soil or groundwater thereunder. Tenant shall neither create or suffer to exist, nor permit any Tenant Party to create or suffer to exist any lien, security interest or other charge or encumbrance of any kind with respect to the Property, including without limitation, any lien imposed pursuant to Section 107(f) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. Section 9607(1)) or any similar state statute. Landlord shall have the right to enter upon and inspect the Premises and to conduct tests, monitoring and investigations. If such tests indicate the presence of any environmental condition caused or exacerbated by Tenant or any Tenant Party or arising during Tenant's or any Tenant Party's occupancy, Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for the cost of conducting such tests. The phrase "**environmental condition**" shall mean any adverse condition relating to any Hazardous Materials or the environment, including surface water, groundwater, drinking water supply, land, surface or subsurface strata or the ambient air and includes air, land and water pollutants, noise, vibration, light and odors. In the event of any such environmental condition, Tenant shall promptly notify both the property manager and the Landlord and shall promptly take any and all steps necessary to rectify the same to the satisfaction of the applicable agencies and Landlord, or shall, at Landlord's election, reimburse Landlord, upon demand, for the cost to Landlord of performing work. The reimbursement shall be paid to Landlord in advance of Landlord's performing such work, based upon Landlord's reasonable estimate of the cost thereof; and upon completion of such work by Landlord, Tenant shall pay to Landlord any shortfall promptly after receipt of Landlord's bills therefor or Landlord shall promptly refund to Tenant any excess deposit, as the case may be.

- 15.2 **Indemnification.** Tenant shall indemnify, protect, defend (by counsel acceptable to Landlord) and hold harmless the Indemnitees from and against any and all Losses of or in connection with (1) Tenant and/or any Tenant Party's breach of this Section 15, or (2) the presence of Hazardous Materials on, under or about the Premises or other property as a result (directly or indirectly) of Tenant's and/or any Tenant Party's activities, or failure to act, in connection with the Premises. Landlord reserves the right to retain counsel for its defense, in which case Tenant shall be responsible for the cost of such defense. This indemnity shall include, without limitation, any Losses arising from or in connection with (i) the effects of any contamination or injury to person, property or the environment created or suffered by Tenant, (ii) the cost of any required or necessary repair, cleanup or detoxification, and the preparation and implementation of any closure, monitoring or other required plans, whether such action is required or necessary prior to or following the termination of this Lease, (iii) lost profits, consequential damages, the cost of demolition or rebuilding any improvements on real property, interest, penalties and damages arising from claims brought by or on behalf of employees of Tenant (with respect to which Tenant waives any right to raise as a defense against Landlord any immunity to which it may be entitled under any industrial or worker's compensation laws), (iv) fees, costs or expenses incurred for the services of attorneys, consultants, contractors, experts, laboratories, and all other costs incurred in connection with the investigation or remediation of such Hazardous Materials or violation of such Environmental Laws, and (v) diminution in the fair market value of the Property including without limitation any reduction in fair market rental value or life expectancy of the Property or the improvements located thereon or the restriction on the use of or adverse impact on the marketing of the Property or any portion thereof. Neither the written consent by Landlord to the presence of Hazardous Materials on, under or about the Premises, nor the strict compliance by Tenant with all Environmental Laws, shall excuse Tenant from Tenant's obligation of indemnification pursuant hereto. Tenant's obligations pursuant to the foregoing indemnity shall survive the expiration or termination of this Lease. Neither the written consent by Landlord to the presence of Hazardous Materials on, under or about the Premises, nor the strict compliance by Tenant with all Environmental Laws, shall excuse Tenant from Tenant's obligation of indemnification pursuant hereto. Tenant's obligations pursuant to the foregoing indemnity shall survive the expiration or termination of this Lease.
- 15.3 **Environmental Questionnaire Disclosure.** Simultaneously with the execution of this Lease, Tenant shall complete, execute and deliver to Landlord a Hazardous Materials Survey Form in the form of **Exhibit G** attached hereto ("**Survey Form**"), and Tenant shall certify to Landlord that all information contained in the Survey Form is true and correct. The completed Survey Form shall be deemed incorporated into this Lease for all purposes, and Landlord shall be entitled to rely on the information contained therein. Within ten (10) days following receipt by Tenant of a written request therefor from Landlord (which request shall not be made more often than annually), Tenant shall disclose to Landlord in writing the names and amounts of all Hazardous Materials, or any combination thereof, which were stored, generated, used or disposed of on, under or about the Premises for the twelve (12) month period prior to and after each such request, or which Tenant intends to store, generate, use or dispose of on, under or about the Premises. At Landlord's option, Tenant's disclosure obligation under this Subparagraph shall include the requirement that Tenant update, execute and deliver to Landlord the Survey Form, as the same may be modified by Landlord from time to time.
- 15.4 **Surrender.** In the 90 days prior to the expiration or termination of the Lease, and for up to 90 days after the later to occur of: (i) Tenant's full surrender to Landlord of exclusive possession of the Property; and (ii) the termination of this Lease, Landlord may have an environmental assessment of the Property performed. Tenant shall perform, at its sole cost and expense, any clean-up or remedial work recommended by the consultant performing such assessment which is necessary to remove, mitigate or remediate any Hazardous Materials and/or contamination of the Property caused by the acts or omissions of Tenant or any Tenant Parties. Tenant's obligations under this Section 15.4 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Lease.

16. **DAMAGE AND DESTRUCTION.** If at any time during the Term all or a portion of the Premises are damaged by a fire or other casualty, Landlord shall notify Tenant within sixty (60) days after Landlord becomes aware of such damage as to the amount of time Landlord reasonably estimates it will take to restore the Premises. If the restoration time is estimated to exceed nine (9) months from the issuance of all permits, subject to extensions for Force Majeure, Landlord may elect to terminate this Lease and if such restoration period is greater than twelve (12) months from the issuance of all permits, then Tenant may, as its sole remedy, terminate this Lease on or before thirty (30) days after receipt of Landlord's notice describing the estimated restoration time that is greater than twelve (12) months. In addition, Landlord, by notice to Tenant within ninety (90) days after the date of the fire or other casualty shall have the right to terminate this lease if: (1) any Mortgagee requires that the insurance proceeds be applied to the payment of the mortgage debt or ground lease, or (2) a material uninsured loss to the Building or Premises occurs. If neither party either elects to terminate this Lease as provided above or if neither party has the right to terminate this Lease as provided above, then, subject to receipt of sufficient insurance proceeds, Landlord shall promptly commence to restore the Premises, subject to delays arising from the collection of insurance proceeds or from Force Majeure events. Such restoration shall be to substantially the same condition that existed prior to the fire or other casualty, except for modifications required by Applicable Laws. Upon notice from Landlord, Tenant shall assign or endorse over to Landlord (or to any party designated by Landlord) all property insurance proceeds payable to Tenant under Tenant insurance with respect to any Alterations, provided if the estimated cost to repair such Alterations exceeds the amount of insurance proceeds received by Landlord from Tenant's insurance carrier, the excess cost of such repairs shall be paid by Tenant to Landlord prior to Landlord's commencement of repairs. Within fifteen (15) days of demand, Tenant shall also pay Landlord for any additional excess costs that are determined during the performance of the repairs to such Alterations. In no event shall Landlord be required to spend more for the restoration of the Premises than the proceeds received by Landlord, whether insurance proceeds or proceeds from Tenant. Landlord shall not be liable for any inconvenience to Tenant, or injury to Tenant's business resulting in any way from the fire or other casualty, or the repair thereof. If this Lease is not terminated by Landlord or Tenant in accordance with this section, Tenant shall be responsible for and shall pay to Landlord Tenant's Share of any deductible or retention amount payable under the property insurance for the Building following any such casualty. Tenant at Tenant's expense shall promptly perform, subject to delays arising from the collection of insurance proceeds, or from Force Majeure events, all repairs or restoration not required to be done by Landlord and shall promptly re-enter the Premises and commence doing business in accordance with this Lease. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate this Lease if the Premises are damaged during the last year of the Term and Landlord reasonably estimates that it will take more than three (3) months to repair such damage. Provided no Event of Default by Tenant has occurred, Base Rent and Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses and Real Property Taxes shall be abated for the period of repair and restoration commencing on the date of such casualty event in the proportion which the area of the Premises, if any, which is untenable bears to the total area of the Premises. Such abatement shall be the sole remedy of Tenant, and except as provided herein, Tenant waives any right to terminate this Lease by reason of damage or casualty loss. Tenant agrees that the terms of this Section 16 shall govern any damage or destruction and shall accordingly supersede any contrary statute or rule of law. Landlord and Tenant agree that the provisions of this Section 16 shall only apply when the Premises is physically damaged or the structural integrity of the Premises is degraded as a result of a fire or other casualty. In no event shall a temporary closure of the Building or the Project for the purpose of protecting public health constitute physical damage to the Premises, nor shall Tenant's inability to productively use the Premises during any such temporary closure be deemed a casualty.

17. **CONDEMNATION.** If any part of the Premises or the Building should be taken for any public or quasi-public use under governmental law, ordinance, or regulation, or by right of eminent domain, or by private purchase in lieu thereof (a “**Taking**” or “**Taken**”), and the Taking would materially interfere with or impair Landlord’s ownership or operation of the Property and/or the Project (as determined by Landlord), then upon written notice by Landlord this Lease shall terminate and Base Rent and Tenant’s Share of Operating Expenses and Real Property Taxes shall be apportioned as of said date. If part of the Premises or the Building shall be Taken and such condemnation does not materially interfere with or impair Landlord’s ownership or operation of the Property and/or the Project, and this Lease is not terminated as provided above, the Base Rent and Tenant’s Share of Operating Expenses and Real Property Taxes payable hereunder during the unexpired Term shall be reduced to such extent as Landlord reasonably determines under the circumstances. In the event of any such Taking, Landlord shall be entitled to receive the entire price or award from any such Taking without any payment to Tenant, and Tenant hereby assigns to Landlord Tenant’s interest, if any, in such award. Tenant shall have the right, to the extent that same shall not diminish Landlord’s award, to make a separate claim against the condemning authority (but not Landlord) for such compensation as may be separately awarded or recoverable by Tenant for moving expenses and damage to Tenant’s trade fixtures, if a separate award for such items is made to Tenant. If only a part of the Premises is subject to a Taking and this Lease is not terminated, Landlord, with reasonable diligence, will restore the remaining portion of the Premises as nearly as practicable to the condition immediately prior to the Taking. Tenant agrees that the terms of this Section 17 shall govern any Taking and shall accordingly supersede any contrary statute or rule of law. In no event shall any governmental action for the purpose of protecting public safety (e.g., to protect against acts of war, the spread of communicable diseases, or an infestation), including but not limited to, any order requiring businesses to close temporarily, be considered a Taking requiring government compensation or entitling Tenant to abatement of rent or any other remedy.

18. **DEFAULT.**

18.1 **Event of Default.** The occurrence of any of the following events shall, at Landlord’s option, constitute an “**Event of Default**”:

- 18.1.1 Tenant shall fail to pay any installment of Base Rent or any other payment required herein when due.
- 18.1.2 Tenant or any guarantor or surety of Tenant’s obligations hereunder shall (1) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (2) commence any case, proceeding or other action seeking to have an order for relief entered on its behalf as a debtor or to adjudicate it as bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, liquidation, dissolution or composition of it or its debts or seeking appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for all or of any substantial part of its property (collectively, a “proceeding for relief”); (3) become the subject of any proceeding for relief which is not dismissed within sixty (60) days of its filing or entry; or (4) die or suffer a legal disability (if Tenant, guarantor, or surety is an individual) or be dissolved or otherwise fail to maintain its legal existence (if Tenant, guarantor or surety is a corporation, partnership or other entity).
- 18.1.3 Any insurance required to be maintained by Tenant pursuant to this Lease shall be cancelled or terminated or shall expire or shall be reduced or materially changed, except, in each case, as permitted in this Lease.
- 18.1.4 Tenant shall not occupy or shall vacate the Premises whether or not Tenant is in monetary or other default under this Lease; provided, however, that Tenant’s vacating of the Premises shall not constitute an Event of Default if, prior to vacating the Premises, Tenant has made arrangements reasonably acceptable to Landlord to (1) ensure that Tenant’s insurance for the Premises will not be voided or cancelled with respect to the Premises as a result of such vacancy, (2) ensure that the Premises are secured and not subject to vandalism, and (3) ensure that the Premises will be properly maintained after such vacation, including, but not limited to, keeping the heating, ventilation and cooling systems maintenance contracts required by this Lease in full force and effect.

- 18.1.5 There shall occur any assignment, subleasing or other transfer of Tenant's interest in or with respect to this Lease except as otherwise permitted in this Lease.
- 18.1.6 Tenant breaches a particular provision hereof (other than a provision requiring payment of Rent) on three (3) separate occasions during any twelve (12)-month period, and in such event, Tenant's subsequent breach of such provision shall be, at Landlord's option, an incurable Event of Default.
- 18.1.7 Tenant shall fail to comply with any provision of this Lease other than those specifically referred to in this Section 18.1, and except as otherwise expressly provided herein, such default shall continue for more than thirty (30) days after Landlord shall have given Tenant written notice of such default.
- 18.1.8 Tenant or any affiliate of Tenant is in default beyond any notice and cure period under any other provision of this Lease or under any other lease or agreement with Landlord at the Building or the Project.
- 18.2 **Landlord's Remedies.** Upon any Event of Default, Landlord shall have, in addition to any other remedies available to Landlord at law or in equity (which shall be cumulative and nonexclusive), the option to pursue any one or more of the following remedies (which shall be cumulative and nonexclusive) without any notice or demand:
- 18.2.1 Landlord may terminate this Lease, in which event Tenant shall immediately surrender the Premises to Landlord, and if Tenant fails to do so, Landlord may, without prejudice to any other remedy it may have for possession or arrearages in Rent, enter upon and take possession of the Premises and expel or remove Tenant and any other person who may be occupying the Premises or any part thereof, without being liable for prosecution or any claim of damages therefor; and Landlord may recover from Tenant the following: (a) the worth at the time of award of the unpaid Rent which had been earned at the time of such termination; (b) the worth at the time of award of the amount by which the unpaid Rent which would have been earned after termination until the time of award exceeds the amount of such rental loss that Tenant proves could have been reasonably avoided; (c) the worth at the time of award of the amount by which the unpaid Rent for the balance of the Term after the time of award exceeds the amount of such Rent loss that Tenant proves could be reasonably avoided; (d) any other amount necessary to compensate Landlord for all the detriment proximately caused by Tenant's failure to perform its obligations hereunder or which in the ordinary course of things would be likely to result therefrom, including brokerage commissions, advertising expenses, expenses of remodeling any portion of the Premises for a new tenant (whether for the same or a different use), and any special concessions made to obtain a new tenant; plus (e) at Landlord's option, such other amounts in addition to or in lieu of the foregoing as may be permitted from time to time by law. As used in subsection (a) and subsection (b) above, the "**worth at the time of award**" shall be computed by allowing interest at a rate per annum equal to the lesser of (i) the annual "Bank Prime Loan" rate cited in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release Publication G.13(415), published on the first Tuesday of each calendar month (or such other comparable index as Landlord shall reasonably designate if such rate ceases to be published) plus two (2) percentage points, or (ii) the highest rate permitted by Law. As used in subsection (c) above, the "**worth at the time of award**" shall be computed by discounting such amount at the discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco at the time of award plus 1%.

- 18.2.2 If Landlord does not elect to terminate this Lease on account of any Event of Default by Tenant, Landlord may, from time to time, without terminating this Lease, enforce all of its rights and remedies hereunder, including the right to recover all Rent as it becomes due.
- 18.2.3 Continue this Lease in effect, but terminate Tenant's right to possession of the Premises and re-enter the Premises and take possession thereof, whereupon Tenant shall have no further claim to the Premises without the same constituting an acceptance of surrender.
- 18.2.4 Landlord may relet the Premises without thereby avoiding or terminating this Lease (if the same has not been previously terminated), and Tenant shall remain liable for any and all Rent and other charges and expenses hereunder. For the purpose of reletting, Landlord is authorized to make such repairs or alterations to the Premises as may be necessary in the sole discretion of Landlord for the purpose of such reletting, and if a sufficient sum is not realized from such reletting (after payment of all costs and expenses of such repairs, alterations and the expense of such reletting (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney and brokerage fees) and the collection of rent accruing therefrom) each month to equal the Rent, then Tenant shall pay such deficiency each month upon demand therefor. Actions to collect such amounts may be brought from time to time, on one or more occasions, without the necessity of Landlord's waiting until the expiration of the Term.
- 18.2.5 Landlord shall at all times have the rights and remedies (which shall be cumulative with each other and cumulative and in addition to those rights and remedies available under Section 18.2.1 and Section 18.2.2, or any law or other provision hereof), without prior demand or notice except as required by law, to seek any declaratory, injunctive or other equitable relief, and specifically enforce this Lease, or restrain or enjoin a violation or breach of any provision hereof, without the necessity of proving the inadequacy of any legal remedy or irreparable harm.
- 18.2.6 To the extent permitted by Applicable Laws, Landlord shall have the right, without notice to Tenant, to change or re-key all locks to entrances to the Premises, and Landlord shall have no obligation to give Tenant notice thereof or to provide Tenant with a key to the Premises.

- 18.2.7 Unless Landlord provides Tenant with express notice to the contrary, no re-entry, repossession, repair, maintenance, change, alteration, addition, reletting, appointment of a receiver or other action or omission by Landlord shall (a) be construed as an election by Landlord to terminate this Lease or Tenant's right to possession, or to accept a surrender of the Premises, or (b) operate to release Tenant from any of its obligations hereunder. Tenant waives, for Tenant and for all those claiming by, through or under Tenant, by order or judgment of any court or by any legal process or writ, this Lease or Tenant's right of occupancy of the Premises after any termination hereof.
- 18.2.8 If Landlord elects to cure such Event of Default by Tenant, Landlord may, at Landlord's option, enter into and upon the Premises and correct the same without being deemed in any manner guilty of trespass, eviction or forcible entry and detainer and without incurring any liability for any damage or interruption of Tenant's business resulting therefrom. If any lien is filed and not cured within the fifteen (15) day time period set forth above, then Landlord may take such action as may be necessary to remove such lien. Tenant agrees to pay Landlord an amount equal to one hundred ten percent (110%) of any expenses which Landlord may incur in thus effecting compliance with Tenant's obligations under this Lease, including without limitation, attorney's fees, together with interest thereon at the Applicable Interest Rate from the date of expenditure.
- 18.2.9 Exercise by Landlord of any one (1) or more remedies hereunder granted or otherwise available shall not be deemed to be an acceptance of surrender of the Premises and/or a termination of this Lease by Landlord, whether by agreement or by operation of law, it being understood that except as provided in Section 18.2.1 and Section 18.2.2 above, such surrender and/or termination can be effected only by the written agreement of Landlord and Tenant. Any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding, Landlord shall have the right at all times to enforce the provisions of this Lease in strict accordance with the terms hereof; and the failure of Landlord at any time to enforce its rights under this Lease strictly in accordance with same shall not be construed as having created a custom in any way or manner contrary to the specific terms, provisions, and covenants of this Lease or as having modified the same. Tenant and Landlord further agree that forbearance or waiver by Landlord to enforce its rights pursuant to this Lease or at law or in equity, shall not be a waiver of Landlord's right to enforce one (1) or more of its rights in connection with any subsequent Event of Default. A receipt by Landlord of rent or other payment with knowledge of the breach of any covenant hereof shall not be deemed a waiver of such breach, and no waiver by Landlord of any provision of this Lease shall be deemed to have been made unless expressed in writing and signed by Landlord. To the greatest extent permitted by law, Tenant waives the service of notice of Landlord's intention to re-enter as provided for in any statute, or to institute legal proceedings to that end, and also waives all right of redemption in case Tenant shall be dispossessed by a judgment or by warrant of any court or judge. The terms "enter," "re-enter," "entry" or "re-entry," as used in this Lease, are not restricted to their technical legal meanings. Any reletting of the Premises shall be on such terms and conditions as Landlord in its sole discretion may determine (including without limitation a term different than the remaining Term, rental concessions, alterations and repair of the Premises, lease of less than the entire Premises to any tenant and leasing any or all other portions of the Project before reletting the Premises). Landlord shall not be liable, nor shall Tenant's obligations hereunder be diminished because of, Landlord's failure to relet the Premises or collect rent due in respect of such reletting.

18.2.10 Even if an eviction moratoria exists, to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws, Landlord shall have the right to continue this Lease in effect and bring an action to collect rent due under this Lease (including an action against any guarantors of Tenant's obligations under this Lease) and otherwise exercise Landlord's rights and remedies under this Lease including, but not limited to, Landlord's right to apply or draw upon any security deposit or letter of credit delivered to Landlord pursuant to this Lease.

19. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING.**

19.1 Tenant shall not assign, sublet, convey, mortgage, license or otherwise transfer (any of the foregoing, a “**Transfer**”), whether voluntarily or involuntarily or by operation of law, the Premises or any part thereof without Landlord's prior written approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. A “Transfer” shall be deemed to include, without limitation, any of the following: (i) the merger of Tenant with any other entity or the indirect or direct transfer of any controlling or managing ownership or beneficial interest in Tenant, and (ii) the assignment or transfer of a substantial portion of the assets of Tenant, whether or not located at the Premises. If Tenant desires to undertake a Transfer, Tenant shall give Landlord prior written notice thereof with copies of all related documents and agreements associated with the Transfer, including without limitation, the financial statements of any proposed assignee, subtenant or transferee, at least thirty (30) days prior to the anticipated effective date of the Transfer. Tenant shall pay Landlord's reasonable attorneys' and financial consultant's fees incurred in the review of such documentation whether or not a Transfer is consummated or approval is granted. If Landlord fails to notify Tenant in writing of Landlord's approval or disapproval of any proposed Transfer within fifteen (15) business days of Landlord's receipt of all required documentation, Landlord shall be deemed to have disapproved such Transfer. If Landlord approves of such Transfer, the parties shall enter into a consent agreement in a form reasonably designated by Landlord, and in the case of an assignment, the assignee shall assume in writing, for Landlord's benefit, all of Tenant's obligations hereunder. Any purported Transfer contrary to the provisions hereof shall be void and constitute an Event of Default. This Lease may not be assigned by operation of law. In the event of an assignment of this Lease or subletting of more than 20% of the rentable square footage of the Premises for more than 50% of the remaining Term (excluding unexercised options), Landlord shall have the right to recapture the portion of the Premises that Tenant is proposing to assign or sublease. If Landlord exercises its right to recapture, this Lease shall automatically be amended (or terminated if the entire Premises is being assigned or sublet) to delete the applicable portion of the Premises effective on the proposed effective date of the Transfer, although Landlord may require Tenant to execute a reasonable amendment or other document reflecting such reduction or termination. If Tenant receives rent or other consideration for any such Transfer in excess of the Rent, or in the case of a sublease of a portion of the Premises, in excess of such Rent that is fairly allocable to such portion, after appropriate adjustments to assure that all other payments required hereunder are appropriately taken into account, Tenant shall pay Landlord one hundred percent (100%) of the difference between each such payment of rent or other consideration and the Rent required hereunder, after Tenant's recovery of its actual and reasonable attorney's fees, brokerage commissions and improvement allowances or improvement costs incurred directly in connection with such assignment or subletting, determined on a straight-line basis. Tenant shall continue to be liable as a principal and not as a guarantor or surety to the same extent as though no assignment had been made, and in no event shall any assignment or other Transfer release or relieve Tenant from any obligation under this Lease. Tenant shall not collaterally assign, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise encumber this Lease or any of Tenant's rights hereunder without the prior written consent of Landlord, which consent Landlord may withhold in its sole discretion.

- 19.2 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 19, neither Tenant nor any other person having a right to possess, use, or occupy (for convenience, collectively referred to in this subsection as “**Use**”) the Premises shall enter into any lease, sublease, license, concession or other agreement for Use of all or any portion of the Premises which provides for rental or other payment for such Use based, in whole or in part, on the net income or profits derived by any person that leases, possesses, uses, or occupies all or any portion of the Premises (other than an amount based on a fixed percentage or percentages of receipts or sales), and any such purported lease, sublease, license, concession or other agreement shall be absolutely void and ineffective as a transfer of any right or interest in the Use of all or any part of the Premises.

20. **ESTOPPEL, ATTORNMEN AND SUBORDINATION.**

- 20.1 **Estoppel.** Within ten (10) days after written request by Landlord, Tenant shall execute and deliver a commercially reasonable certificate to those parties as are reasonably requested by Landlord (including a Mortgagee or prospective purchaser). Without limitation, such estoppel certificate may include a certification as to the status of this Lease, the existence of any Event of Defaults and the amount of Rent that is due and payable. Tenant’s failure to deliver said statement in such time period shall be an Event of Default hereunder and shall be conclusive upon Tenant that (1) this Lease is in full force and effect, without modification except as may be represented by Landlord; (2) there are no uncured Event of Defaults in Landlord’s performance and Tenant has no right of offset, counterclaim or deduction against Rent hereunder; and (3) no more than one month’s Base Rent has been paid in advance.
- 20.2 **Subordination.** This Lease shall unconditionally be and at all times remain subject and subordinate to all ground leases, master leases and all mortgages and deeds of trust which now or hereafter affect the Premises, the Property or the Project or Landlord’s interest therein (including any modifications, renewals or extensions thereof and all amendments thereto) (collectively, referred to as a “**Mortgage**”), all without the necessity of Tenant’s executing further instruments to effect such subordination. The party having the benefit of a Mortgage shall be referred to as a “**Mortgagee**”. If requested, Tenant shall execute and deliver to Landlord within ten (10) days after Landlord’s request whatever documentation that may reasonably be required to further effect the provisions of this paragraph including a Subordination, Nondisturbance and Attornment Agreement (“**SNDA**”) in the form reasonably required by the applicable Mortgagee. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Lease to the contrary, (1) the obligation for commissions under Section 26.19 shall not be binding on, and will not be enforceable against, any of Owner’s Mortgagees, and (2) such commission obligation shall be unconditionally subordinate to the lien of any Mortgage, and any commissions otherwise payable under this Lease shall not be due or payable after an event of default under any such mortgage or other security interest. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 20.2, the holder of any such Mortgage may at any time subordinate its Mortgage to this Lease, without Tenant’s consent, by notice in writing to Tenant, and thereupon this Lease shall be deemed prior to such Mortgage without regard to their respective dates of executing, delivery or recording and in the event such Mortgagee shall have the same rights with respect to this Lease as though this Lease has been executed prior to the executing, delivery and recording of such Mortgage and had been assigned to such Mortgagee.

- 20.3 **Attornment.** Tenant hereby agrees that Tenant will recognize as its landlord under this Lease and shall attorn to any person succeeding to the interest of Landlord in respect of the land and the buildings governed by this Lease upon any foreclosure of any Mortgage upon such land or buildings or upon the execution of any deed in lieu of foreclosure in respect to such Mortgage. Tenant shall pay all rental payments required to be made pursuant to the terms of this Lease for the duration of the term of this Lease. Tenant's attornment shall be effective and self-operative without the execution of any further instrument immediately upon Mortgagee's succeeding Landlord's interest in this Lease and giving written notice thereof to Tenant. If requested, Tenant shall execute and deliver an instrument or instruments confirming its attornment as provided for herein; provided, however, that no such Mortgagee or successor-in-interest shall be bound by any payment of Base Rent for more than one (1) month in advance, or any amendment or modification of this Lease made without the express written consent of such Mortgagee where such consent is required under applicable loan documents. Mortgagee shall not be liable for, nor subject to, any offsets or defenses which Tenant may have by reason of any act or omission of Landlord under this Lease, nor for the return of any sums which Tenant may have paid to Landlord under this Lease as and for security deposits, advance rentals or otherwise, except to the extent that such sums are actually delivered by Landlord to Mortgagee. If Mortgagee, by succeeding to the interest of Landlord under this Lease, should become obligated to perform the covenants of Landlord hereunder, then, upon, any further transfer of Landlord's interest by Mortgagee, all such obligations shall terminate as to Mortgagee.
- 20.4 **Mortgagee Protection.** Tenant agrees to give any Mortgagee of any Mortgage secured by the Premises, the Property or the Project, by registered or certified mail or nationally recognized overnight delivery service, a copy of any notice of default served upon the Landlord by Tenant concurrently with delivery to Landlord, provided that, prior to such notice, Tenant has been notified in writing (by way of service on Tenant of a copy of assignment of rents and leases or otherwise) of the address of such Mortgagee. Tenant further agrees that if Landlord shall have failed to cure such default within thirty (30) days after such notice to Landlord (or if such default cannot be cured or corrected within that time, then such additional time as may be necessary if Landlord has commenced within such thirty (30) day period and is diligently pursuing the remedies or steps necessary to cure or correct such default), then the Mortgagee shall have an additional sixty (60) days within which to cure or correct such default (or if such default cannot be cured or corrected within that time, then such additional time as may be necessary if such Mortgagee has commenced within such sixty (60) day period and is diligently pursuing the remedies or steps necessary to cure or correct such default). Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall any Mortgagee have any obligation to cure any default of the Landlord.

21. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY CONTAINED IN THIS LEASE, THE LIABILITY OF LANDLORD (AND OF ANY SUCCESSOR LANDLORD) SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE LESSER OF (A) THE INTEREST OF LANDLORD IN THE BUILDING, OR (B) THE EQUITY INTEREST LANDLORD WOULD HAVE IN THE BUILDING IF THE BUILDING WERE ENCUMBERED BY THIRD PARTY DEBT IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 70% OF THE VALUE OF THE BUILDING. TENANT SHALL LOOK SOLELY TO LANDLORD'S INTEREST IN THE BUILDING FOR THE RECOVERY OF ANY JUDGMENT OR AWARD AGAINST LANDLORD OR ANY LANDLORD INDEMNITEES. NEITHER LANDLORD NOR ANY LANDLORD INDEMNITEES SHALL BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR ANY JUDGMENT OR DEFICIENCY, AND IN NO EVENT SHALL LANDLORD OR ANY LANDLORD INDEMNITEES OR MORTGAGEES BE LIABLE TO TENANT FOR LOST PROFIT, DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF BUSINESS OR ANY FORM OF SPECIAL, INDIRECT OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE. BEFORE FILING SUIT FOR AN ALLEGED DEFAULT BY LANDLORD, TENANT SHALL GIVE LANDLORD AND THE MORTGAGEE(S) WHOM TENANT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED HOLD MORTGAGES, NOTICE AND REASONABLE TIME TO CURE THE ALLEGED DEFAULT. WHENEVER LANDLORD TRANSFERS ITS INTEREST, LANDLORD SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY RELEASED FROM FURTHER PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS LEASE AND FROM ALL FURTHER LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES HEREUNDER AND THE TRANSFEREE OF LANDLORD'S INTEREST SHALL ASSUME ALL LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF LANDLORD HEREUNDER FROM THE DATE OF SUCH TRANSFER.

22. **RELOCATION.** Landlord, at its expense, at any time before or during the Term, may relocate Tenant from the Premises to space of reasonably comparable size and utility ("**Relocation Space**") within the Building or other buildings within the same Project upon 60 days' prior written notice to Tenant. From and after the date of the relocation, the Base Rent and Tenant's Share shall be adjusted based on the rentable square footage of the Relocation Space. Landlord shall pay Tenant's reasonable costs of relocation, including all costs for moving Tenant's furniture, equipment, supplies and other personal property.

23. **HOLDING OVER.** If Tenant holds over the Premises or any part thereof after expiration of the Term, such holding over shall be a tenancy at sufferance only, for the entire Premises, subject to the terms and conditions of this Lease, provided that Tenant shall pay monthly Base Rent and Additional Rent (determined on a per month basis without reduction for partial months during the holdover) equal to two hundred percent (200%) of the Base Rent and Additional Rent in effect immediately prior to such holding over. This Section shall not be construed as Landlord's permission for Tenant to hold over. Acceptance of Rent by Landlord following expiration or termination shall not constitute a renewal of this Lease or extension of the Term except as specifically set forth above. If Tenant fails to surrender the Premises upon expiration or earlier termination of this Lease, Tenant shall indemnify and hold Landlord harmless from and against all Losses (including without limitation consequential damages) resulting from or arising out of Tenant's failure to surrender the Premises, including, but not limited to, any amounts required to be paid to any tenant or prospective tenant who was to have occupied the Premises after the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease and any related attorneys' fees and brokerage commissions.

24. **NOTICES.** All demands, approvals, consents or notices (collectively referred to as a "**notice**") shall be in writing and delivered by hand or sent by registered, express, or certified mail, with return receipt requested or with delivery confirmation requested from the U.S. postal service, or sent by overnight or same day courier service at the party's respective Notice Address(es) set forth in Section 1; provided, however, notices sent by Landlord regarding general Building operational matters may be sent via e-mail to the e-mail address provided by Tenant to Landlord for such purpose. In addition, if the Building is closed (whether due to emergency, governmental order or any other reason), then any notice address at the Building shall not be deemed a required notice address during such closure, and, unless Tenant has provided an alternative valid notice address to Landlord for use during such closure, any notices sent during such closure may be sent via e-mail or in any other practical manner reasonably designed to ensure receipt by the intended recipient. Each notice shall be deemed to have been received on the earlier to occur of actual delivery or the date on which delivery is refused, or, if Tenant has vacated the Premises or any other Notice Address of Tenant without providing a new Notice Address, 3 days after notice is deposited in the U.S. mail or with a courier service in the manner described above. Either party may, at any time, change its Notice Address (other than to a post office box address) by giving the other party written notice of the new address.

25. **SURRENDER.** Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease, Tenant shall repair any damage to and restore the condition of the Premises in accordance with Section 13.2. Tenant shall also remove all of Tenant's Property and shall repair all damage to the Premises, the Building, the Common Area, Property or the Project caused by the installation or removal of Tenant's Property. In no event shall Tenant remove from the Building any mechanical or electrical systems, including without limitation, any power wiring or power panels, lighting or lighting fixtures, wall coverings, drapes, blinds or other window coverings, carpets or other floor coverings, heaters, air conditioners or any other heating and air conditioning equipment, fencing or security gates, load levelers, dock lights, dock locks or dock seals, or any wiring or any other aspect of any systems within the Premises, unless Landlord specifically permits or requires such removal in writing. Tenant shall surrender the Premises, together with all keys and security codes, to Landlord broom clean, in as good a condition as when received, and in the condition described on **Exhibit H** attached hereto, ordinary wear and tear and damage by fire or casualty excepted. Conditions existing because of Tenant's failure to perform maintenance, repairs or replacements shall not be deemed "reasonable wear and tear". If Tenant fails to remove any of Tenant's Property, or to restore the Premises to the required condition, within 2 days after termination of this Lease or Tenant's right to possession, Landlord, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, shall be entitled (but not obligated) to remove and store Tenant's Property and/or perform such restoration of the Premises. Landlord shall not be responsible for the value, preservation or safekeeping of Tenant's Property. Tenant shall pay Landlord, upon demand, the expenses and storage charges incurred. If Tenant fails to remove Tenant's Property from the Premises or storage, within 30 days after notice, Landlord may deem all or any part of Tenant's Property to be abandoned and, at Landlord's option, title to Tenant's Property shall vest in Landlord or Landlord may dispose of Tenant's Property in any manner Landlord deems appropriate.

26. **MISCELLANEOUS.**

- 26.1 **Entire Agreement.** This Lease, Addenda, Exhibits and Schedules set forth all the agreements between Landlord and Tenant concerning the Premises; and there are no agreements either oral or written other than as set forth herein. This Lease may be modified only by a written agreement signed by an authorized representative of Landlord and Tenant.
- 26.2 **Time of Essence; Business Days.** Time is of the essence with respect to Tenant's exercise of any expansion, renewal or extension rights granted to Tenant. The expiration of the Term, whether by lapse of time, termination or otherwise, shall not relieve either party of any obligations which accrued prior to or which may continue to accrue after the expiration or termination of this Lease. For all purposes herein, a "business day" shall mean Monday through Friday of each week, exclusive of New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day ("**Holidays**"). Landlord may designate additional Holidays that are commonly recognized by other industrial buildings in the area where the Building is located.
- 26.3 **Attorneys' Fees; Jury Trial Waiver.** In any action or proceeding between the parties, including any appellate or alternative dispute resolution proceeding, the prevailing party may recover from the other party all of its costs and expenses in connection therewith, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. Tenant shall pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and other fees and costs that Landlord incurs in interpreting or enforcing this Lease or otherwise protecting its rights hereunder (a) where Tenant has failed to pay Rent when due, or (b) in any bankruptcy case, assignment for the benefit of creditors, or other insolvency, liquidation or reorganization proceeding involving Tenant or this Lease. THE PARTIES WAIVE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LITIGATION ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS LEASE, THE RELATIONSHIP OF LANDLORD AND TENANT, TENANT'S USE OR OCCUPANCY OF THE PREMISES, AND/OR ANY CLAIM FOR INJURY OR DAMAGE OR ANY EMERGENCY OR STATUTORY REMEDY.

- 26.4 **Severability.** If any provision of this Lease or the application of any such provision shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void or unenforceable to any extent, the remaining provisions of this Lease and the application thereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated.
- 26.5 **Law.** This Lease shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the state in which the Premises are located, and Landlord and Tenant hereby irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction and proper venue of such state.
- 26.6 **No Option.** Submission of this Lease to Tenant for examination or negotiation does not constitute an option to lease, offer to lease or a reservation of, or option for, the Premises; and this document shall become effective and binding only upon the execution and delivery hereof by Landlord and Tenant.
- 26.7 **Successors and Assigns.** This Lease shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Landlord and, subject to compliance with the terms of Section 19, Tenant.
- 26.8 **Third Party Beneficiaries.** Nothing herein is intended to create any third party beneficiary.
- 26.9 **Memorandum of Lease.** Tenant shall not record this Lease or a short form memorandum hereof.
- 26.10 **Agency, Partnership or Joint Venture.** Nothing contained herein nor any acts of the parties hereto shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, nor by any third party, as creating the relationship of principal and agent or of partnership or of joint venture by the parties hereto or any relationship other than the relationship of landlord and tenant.
- 26.11 **Merger.** The voluntary or other surrender of this Lease by Tenant or a mutual cancellation thereof or a termination by Landlord shall not work a merger and shall, at the option of Landlord, terminate all or any existing subtenancies or may, at the option of Landlord, operate as an assignment to Landlord of any or all of such subtenancies.
- 26.12 **Headings.** Section headings have been inserted solely as a matter of convenience and are not intended to define or limit the scope of any of the provisions contained therein.
- 26.13 **Security Measures.** Tenant hereby acknowledges that Landlord shall have no obligation to provide a guard service or other security measures whatsoever.
- 26.14 **No Press Release.** Any press release or other similar public statement regarding Tenant's occupancy of the Premises or this Lease shall require the prior written approval of Landlord.

- 26.15 **Landlord's Lien/Security Interest.** Tenant hereby grants Landlord a security interest, and this Lease constitutes a security agreement, within the meaning of and pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code of the state in which the Premises are situated as to all of Tenant's Property (except merchandise sold in the ordinary course of business) as security for all of Tenant's obligations hereunder, including, without limitation, the obligation to pay rent.
- 26.16 **Signs.** All signs and graphics of every kind visible in or from public view or corridors, the Common Areas or the exterior of the Premises (whether located inside or outside of the Premises) shall be subject to Landlord's prior written approval (not to be unreasonably withheld) and shall be subject to the CC&Rs and any applicable governmental laws, ordinances, and regulations and in compliance with Landlord's signage program (if any). The installation of any sign on the Premises by or for Tenant shall be subject to the provisions of Section 13 (Alterations). Tenant, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, shall remove all such signs and graphics prior to the termination of this Lease. Such installations and removals shall be made in such manner as to avoid injury or defacement of the Premises; and Tenant shall repair any injury or defacement, including without limitation, discoloration caused by such installation or removal. Unless otherwise expressly agreed herein, Landlord reserves all rights to the use of the roof of the Building, including the right to install advertising signs on the Building, including the roof, which do not unreasonably interfere with the conduct of Tenant's business. Landlord shall be entitled to all revenues from such advertising signs.
- 26.17 **Waiver.** No waiver of any default or breach hereunder shall be implied from any omission to take action on account thereof, notwithstanding any custom and practice or course of dealing. No waiver by either party of any provision under this Lease shall be effective unless in writing and signed by such party. No waiver shall affect any default other than the default specified in the waiver and then such waiver shall be operative only for the time and to the extent therein stated. Waivers of any covenant shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same.
- 26.18 **Financial Statements.** Tenant shall provide, and cause each Guarantor, if applicable, to provide to any Mortgagee, any purchaser of the Building, the Property and/or the Project or Landlord, within ten (10) days after request, a current, accurate, audited financial statement for Tenant and Tenant's business (and Guarantor and Guarantor's business, if applicable) and financial statements for Tenant and Tenant's business (and Guarantor and Guarantor's business, if applicable) for each of the three (3) years prior to the current financial statement year prepared under generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied and certified by an officer of the Tenant (or Guarantor, if applicable) as being true and correct. Tenant shall also provide, and cause each Guarantor, if applicable, to provide, within said ten (10)-day period such other financial information or tax returns as may be reasonably required by Landlord, any purchaser of the Building, the Property and/or the Project or any Mortgagee of either. Tenant hereby authorizes Landlord, and shall cause each Guarantor, if applicable, to authorize Landlord to obtain one (1) or more credit reports on Tenant (and Guarantor, if applicable) at any time, and shall execute such further authorizations as Landlord may reasonably require in order to obtain a credit report.
- 26.19 **Brokerage Commission.** Tenant represents to Landlord that it has dealt only with Tenant's Broker as its broker, agent or finder in connection with this Lease. Tenant shall indemnify, defend, and hold Landlord harmless from all claims of any brokers, agents or finders other than Tenant's Broker, claiming to have represented Tenant in connection with this Lease. Landlord shall indemnify, defend and hold Tenant harmless from all claims of any brokers, agents or finders, including Landlord's Broker, claiming to have represented Landlord in connection with this Lease. Tenant acknowledges that any affiliate of Landlord that is involved in the negotiation of this Lease is representing only Landlord, and that any assistance rendered by any agent or employee of such affiliate in connection with this Lease or any subsequent amendment or other document related hereto has been or will be rendered as an accommodation to Tenant solely in furtherance of consummating the transaction on behalf of Landlord, and not as agent for Tenant.

- 26.20 **Authorization.** If Tenant signs as a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust or other legal entity each of the persons executing this Lease on behalf of Tenant represents and warrants that Tenant has been and is qualified to do business in the state in which the Premises is located, that the entity has full right and authority to enter into this Lease, and that all persons signing on behalf of the entity were authorized to do so by appropriate actions. Tenant agrees to deliver to Landlord, simultaneously with the delivery of this Lease, a corporate resolution, proof of due authorization by partners, opinion of counsel or other appropriate documentation reasonably acceptable to Landlord evidencing the due authorization of Tenant to enter into this Lease.
- 26.21 **Joint and Several.** If Tenant consists of more than one person, the obligation of all such persons shall be joint and several. In such event, requests or demands from any one person or entity comprising Tenant shall be deemed to have been made by all such persons or entities, and notices to any one person or entity shall be deemed to have been given to all persons and entities.
- 26.22 **Covenants and Conditions.** Each provision to be performed by Tenant hereunder shall be deemed to be both a covenant and a condition.
- 26.23 **Consents.** Except as otherwise provided elsewhere in this Lease, Landlord's actual reasonable costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, architects', attorneys', engineers' and other consultants' fees) incurred in the consideration of, or response to, a request by Tenant for any Landlord consent, including but not limited to, consents to an assignment, a subletting or the presence or use of a Hazardous Material, shall be paid by Tenant upon receipt of an invoice and supporting documentation therefor.
- 26.24 **Force Majeure.** "Force Majeure" as used in this Lease means delays resulting from causes beyond the reasonable control of Landlord, including, without limitation, any delay caused by any action, inaction, order, ruling, moratorium, regulation, statute, condition or other decision of any private party or governmental agency having jurisdiction over any portion of the Property or the Project, over the construction anticipated to occur thereon or over any uses thereof, or by delays in inspections or in issuing approvals by private parties or permits by governmental agencies, or by fire, flood, inclement weather, strikes, lockouts or other labor or industrial disturbance, failure or inability to secure materials, supplies or labor through ordinary sources, earthquake, or other natural disaster, epidemics, pandemics or other outbreaks of virus or contagious disease or other similar health-related occurrence, or any cause whatsoever beyond the reasonable control (excluding financial inability) of the Landlord, or any of its contractors or other representatives, whether foreseen or unforeseen and including causes that may or may not be related to the any of the causes hereinabove stated.

- 26.25 **OFAC.** Tenant hereby represents, warrants and certifies that: (i) neither it nor its officers, directors, or controlling owners is acting, directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of any person, group, entity, or nation named by any Executive Order, the United States Department of Justice, or the United States Treasury Department as a terrorist, "Specifically Designated National or Blocked Person," or other banned or blocked person, entity, nation, or transaction pursuant to any law, order, rule or regulation that is enforced or administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("SDN"); (ii) neither it nor its officers, directors or controlling owners is engaged in this transaction, directly or indirectly on behalf of, or instigating or facilitating this transaction, directly or indirectly on behalf of, any such person, group, entity, or nation; and (iii) neither it nor its officers, directors or controlling owners is in violation of Presidential Executive Order 13224, the USA PATRIOT Act, (Public Law 107-56), the Bank Secrecy Act, the Money Laundering Control Act or any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. If the foregoing representations are untrue at any time during the Term, an Event of Default will be deemed to have occurred, without the necessity of notice to Tenant. The provisions of this Section shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Lease.
- 26.26 **Roof Use by Landlord.** Landlord reserves the right to use the surface of the roof in any manner which does not materially interfere with Tenant's use of the Premises including, but not limited to, installation of telecommunication equipment, solar equipment or any other uses.
- 26.27 **Guarantors.** Intentionally omitted.
- 26.28 **Parking.** Unless otherwise directed by Landlord, Tenant shall have the right to park in common with other tenants of the Project in those areas designated by Landlord for nonreserved parking. Tenant agrees not to overburden the parking facilities and agrees to cooperate with Landlord and other tenants in the use of parking facilities. Landlord may, but is not obligated to, designate exclusive parking spaces for Tenant and other tenants in the Property and/or Project if Landlord reasonably determines that such designation is necessary. Landlord shall not be responsible for enforcing Tenant's parking rights against any third parties. The parking spaces shall be used for parking by vehicles no larger than full-size passenger automobiles, SUV's or pick-up trucks ("**Permitted Size Vehicles**"). Vehicles other than Permitted Size Vehicles shall be parked and loaded or unloaded as directed by Landlord. Tenant shall not permit or allow any vehicles that belong to or are controlled by Tenant or Tenant's employees, suppliers, shippers, customers, contractors or invitees to be loaded, unloaded, or parked in areas other than those designated by Landlord for such activities. If Tenant permits or allows any of the prohibited activities described in this Section, then Landlord shall have the right, without notice, in addition to such other rights and remedies that it may have, to remove or tow away the vehicle involved and charge the cost to Tenant, which cost shall be immediately payable upon demand by Landlord. No vehicle or equipment of any kind shall be dismantled or repaired or serviced on the Common Area.

- 26.29 **Common Area.** Tenant may, subject to rules prescribed by Landlord, use the following areas on the Land or within the Building (“**Building Common Area**”) that are designated by Landlord to be used in common with Landlord and/or other tenants of the Building: hallways, stairwells, entranceways, restroom facilities, refuse facilities, landscaped areas, driveways necessary for access to the Premises, parking spaces and other common facilities located in the Building and/or on the Land designated by Landlord from time to time for the common use of all tenants of the Building. Tenant may, subject to any CC&Rs and any Rules or Regulations, use the following areas of the Project (“**Project Common Area**”) in common with Landlord, tenants of the Building and/or other owners, tenants or lawful users of the Project: refuse facilities, landscaped areas, roads, driveways necessary for access to the Premises, parking spaces, retention basins and other common facilities designated by Landlord from time to time for the common use of all tenants and owners of the Project. The Building Common Area and the Project Common Area are collectively referred to herein as the “**Common Area**”. Landlord shall not be responsible for non-compliance by any other tenant or occupant of the Project with, or Landlord’s failure to enforce, any of the Rules or Regulations or CC&Rs or any other terms or provisions of such tenant’s or occupant’s lease. Tenant shall promptly comply with the reasonable requirements of any board of fire insurance underwriters or other similar body now or hereafter constituted. Under no circumstances shall the right herein granted to use the Common Area be deemed to include the right to store any property, temporarily or permanently, in the Common Area. In the event that any unauthorized storage shall occur, then Landlord shall have the right, without notice, in addition to such other rights and remedies that it may have, to remove the property and charge the cost to Tenant, which cost shall be immediately payable upon demand by Landlord. Landlord may change the shape and size of the Common Areas, including the addition of, elimination of or change to any improvements located in the Common Areas, so long as such change does not materially adversely affect Tenant’s ability to use the Premises for the Permitted Use.
- 26.30 **Counterparts.** This Lease may be executed in counterparts and shall constitute an agreement binding on all parties notwithstanding that all parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart provided that all parties are furnished a copy or copies thereof reflecting the signature of all parties. Transmission of a facsimile or by email of a pdf copy of the signed counterpart of the Lease shall be deemed the equivalent of the delivery of the original, and any party so delivering a facsimile or pdf copy of the signed counterpart of the Lease by email transmission shall in all events deliver to the other party an original signature promptly upon request.
- 26.31 **Light and Air.** This Lease does not grant any rights to light or air over or about the Building. Landlord excepts and reserves exclusively to itself any and all rights not specifically granted to Tenant under this Lease.
- 26.32 **Auctions.** Tenant shall not conduct, nor permit to be conducted, either voluntarily or involuntarily, any auction upon the Premises or the Common Areas without first having obtained Landlord’s prior written consent, which Landlord may withhold in its sole discretion. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Lease, Landlord shall not be obligated to exercise any standard of reasonableness in determining whether to grant such consent.
- 26.33 **Unrelated Business Income.** If Landlord is advised by its counsel at any time that any part of the payments by Tenant to Landlord under this Lease may be characterized as unrelated business income under the United States Internal Revenue Code and its regulations, then Tenant shall enter into any amendment proposed by Landlord to avoid such income, so long as the amendment does not require Tenant to make more payments or accept fewer services from Landlord, than this Lease provides.

- 26.34 **Waiver of Redemption and Common Law Defenses by Tenant.** Tenant hereby waives, for Tenant and for all those claiming under Tenant, any and all rights now or hereafter existing (a) to redeem by order or judgment of any court or by any legal process or writ, Tenant's right of occupancy of the Premises after any termination of this Lease, and (b) to disavow the effectiveness of this Lease or claim that Tenant is excused from Tenant's obligations with regard to Rent and other charges to be paid by Tenant pursuant to this Lease based on any common law doctrines of frustration of purpose or impracticability or impossibility of performance regardless of the occurrence of events making performance of Tenant's obligations under this Lease unprofitable, less profitable or more difficult, including the unavailability of a particular source of funds.
- 26.35 **Independent Covenants.** This Lease shall be construed as though the covenants herein between Landlord and Tenant are independent and not dependent and Tenant hereby expressly waives the benefit of any statute to the contrary and agrees that if Landlord fails to perform its obligations set forth herein, Tenant shall not be entitled to make any repairs or perform any acts hereunder at Landlord's expense or to any setoff of the Rent or other amounts owing hereunder against Landlord.
- 26.36 **Confidentiality.** Tenant acknowledges that the content of this Lease and any related documents are confidential information. Tenant shall keep such confidential information strictly confidential and shall not disclose such confidential information to any person or entity other than Tenant's financial, legal and space planning consultants.
- 26.37 **Energy Usage.** If Tenant (or any party claiming by, through or under Tenant) pays directly to the provider for any energy consumed at the Property, Tenant, promptly upon request, shall deliver to Landlord (or, at Landlord's option, execute and deliver to Landlord an instrument enabling Landlord to obtain from such provider) any data about such consumption at the Building that Landlord may request.

Landlord and Tenant have executed this Lease under seal in two or more counterparts as of the day and year first above written.

LANDLORD:

ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC, a
Delaware limited liability company

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

TENANT:

DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.,
a Nevada corporation

By: /s/ Denis Phares
Name: Denis Phares
Title: Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT A-1

OUTLINE AND LOCATION OF PREMISES

This Exhibit is attached to and made a part of the Multi-Tenant Industrial Triple Net Lease (the “**Lease**”) by and between **ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (“**Landlord**”), and **DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.**, a Nevada corporation (“**Tenant**”), for space in the Building located at 1190 Trademark Drive, Suite 108, Reno, Nevada.

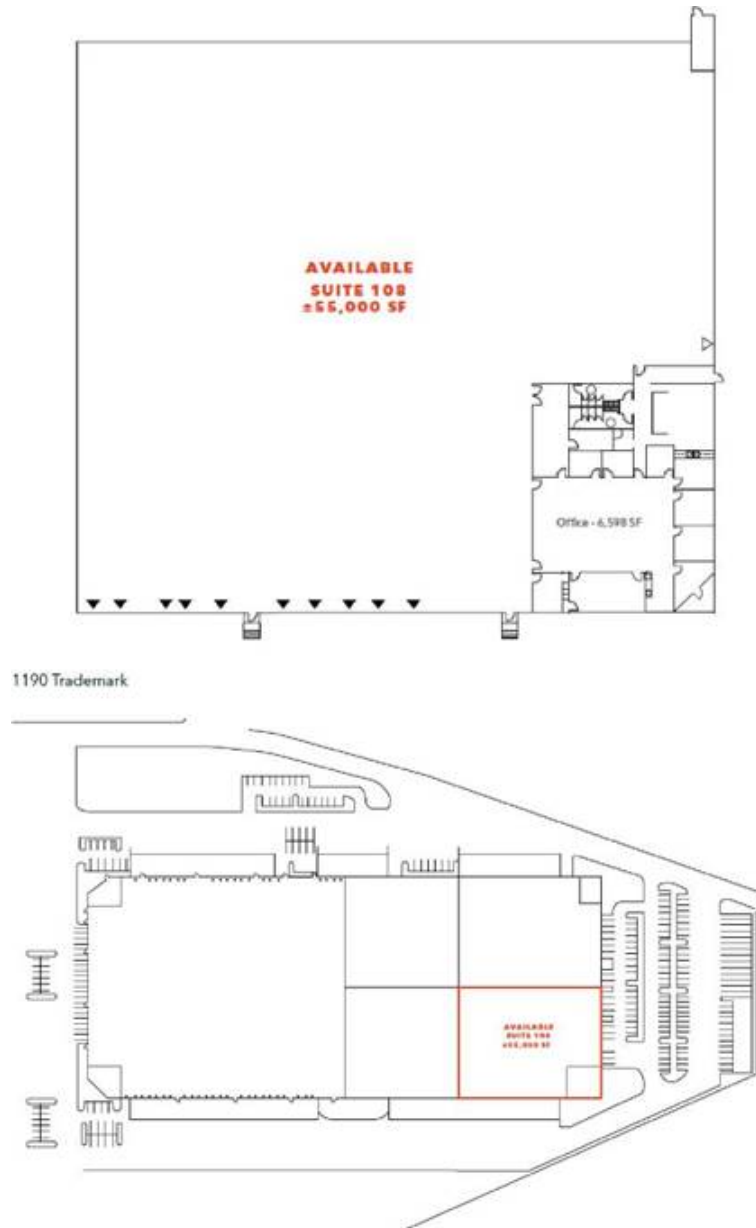


EXHIBIT A-1

EXHIBIT A-2

OUTLINE AND LOCATION OF PROJECT

This Exhibit is attached to and made a part of the Multi-Tenant Industrial Triple Net Lease (the “Lease”) by and between **ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (“Landlord”), and **DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.**, a Nevada corporation (“Tenant”), for space in the Building located at 1190 Trademark Drive, Suite 108, Reno, Nevada.



EXHIBIT A-2

EXHIBIT B

INTENTIONALLY OMITTED

EXHIBIT B

EXHIBIT C

PROHIBITED USE

This Exhibit is attached to and made a part of the Multi-Tenant Industrial Triple Net Lease (the “**Lease**”) by and between **ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (“**Landlord**”), and **DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.**, a Nevada corporation (“**Tenant**”), for space in the Building located at 1190 Trademark Drive, Suite 108, Reno, Nevada. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given in the Lease.

In no event shall Tenant use its Premises or occupancy of any part of the Premises in a manner constituting a Prohibited Use (as defined below). If Tenant uses the Premises for a purpose constituting a Prohibited Use, violates any Applicable Laws, or causes the Building to be in violation of any Applicable Laws, then Tenant shall promptly discontinue such use upon notice of such violation.

“**Prohibited Use**” shall mean the use of any part of the Premises for the following types of operations and activities:

1. automobile/truck/forklift maintenance, repair or fueling;
2. battery manufacturing or reclamation;
3. ceramics and jewelry manufacturing or finishing;
4. chemical (organic or inorganic) storage, use or manufacturing;
5. drum recycling;
6. dry cleaning;
7. electronic components manufacturing;
8. electroplating and metal finishing;
9. explosives manufacturing, use or storage;
10. leather production, tanning or finishing;
11. machinery and tool manufacturing;
12. medical equipment manufacturing and hospitals;
13. metal shredding, recycling or reclamation;
14. metal smelting and refining;
15. mining;
16. paint, pigment and coating operations;
17. petroleum refining;
18. plastic and synthetic materials manufacturing;
19. solvent reclamation;
20. tire and rubber manufacturing;
21. fertilizer storage;
22. residential use or occupancy;
23. auctions of any type;
24. retail sales of any type;
25. tire storage;
26. hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal; and
27. above and/or underground storage tanks.

EXHIBIT C

EXHIBIT D

RULES AND REGULATIONS

This Exhibit is attached to and made a part of the Multi-Tenant Industrial Triple Net Lease (the “**Lease**”) by and between **ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (“**Landlord**”), and **DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.**, a Nevada corporation (“**Tenant**”), for space in the Building located at 1190 Trademark Drive, Suite 108, Reno, Nevada. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given in the Lease.

1. No vehicle or equipment shall remain upon the Common Area longer than seventy-two (72) hours.
2. Signs will conform to sign standards and criteria established from time to time by Landlord. No other signs, placards, pictures, advertisements, names or notices shall be inscribed, displayed or printed or affixed on or to any part of the outside or inside of the building without the written consent of Landlord and Landlord shall have the right to remove any such non-conforming signs, placards, pictures, advertisements, names or notices without notice to and at the expense of Tenant.
3. No antenna, aerial, discs, dishes or other such device shall be erected on the roof or exterior walls of the Premises, or on the grounds, without the written consent of the Landlord in each instance. Any device so installed without such written consent shall be subject to removal without notice at any time.
4. No loud speakers, televisions, phonographs, radios or other devices shall be used in a manner so as to be heard or seen outside of the Premises without the prior written consent of the Landlord.
5. The outside areas immediately adjoining the Premises shall be kept clean and free from dirt and rubbish by the Tenant to the satisfaction of Landlord and Tenant shall not place or permit any obstruction or materials in such areas or permit any work to be performed outside the Premises.
6. No open storage shall be permitted in the Project.
7. All garbage and refuse shall be placed in containers placed at the location designated for refuse collection, in the manner specified by Landlord.
8. Tenant shall not disturb, solicit, or canvass any occupant of the building and shall cooperate to prevent same.
9. No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any units or any part of the Common Area nor shall anything be done thereon which would in any way interfere with the quiet enjoyment of each of the other tenants of the Project or which would increase the rate of insurance or overburden utility facilities from time to time existing in the Project.
10. Neither Tenant nor its agents, employees, contractors, guests or invitees shall smoke or permit smoking in the Common Areas, unless a portion of the Common Areas have been declared a designated smoking area by Landlord, nor shall the above parties allow smoke from the Premises to emanate into the Common Areas or any other part of the Building. Landlord shall have the right to designate the Building (including the Premises) as a non-smoking building.

EXHIBIT D

11. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in the Lease or these rules and regulations, in order to maintain a clean, safe and healthy environment for the tenants, patrons and employees of the Project, Landlord reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to implement a protocol for screening all individuals entering the Project, mandating the use of face coverings or other personal protective equipment, and/or establishing other measures in connection with any health emergency related to a virus, disease, pandemic, epidemic or similar cause. Landlord may preclude entry to those who refuse to participate in such screening or other measures or who fail to meet the screening or other requirements set forth in such protocol.

Landlord reserves the right to make such amendments to these rules and regulations from time to time as are nondiscriminatory and not inconsistent with the Lease.

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EXHIBIT E

CONFIRMATION LETTER

(EXAMPLE)

Date _____
Tenant _____
Address _____

Re: Confirmation Letter with respect to that certain Lease dated as of _____, 2020, by and between **ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company, as Landlord, and **DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.**, a Nevada corporation, as Tenant, for 55,000 rentable square feet (the "**Premises**") located at 1190 Trademark Drive, Suite 108, Reno, Nevada.

Lease Id: _____
Business Unit Number: _____

Dear _____:

In accordance with the terms and conditions of the above referenced Lease, Tenant accepts possession of the Premises and acknowledges:

1. The Commencement Date of the Lease is _____.
2. The Termination Date of the Lease is _____.

Please acknowledge the foregoing and your acceptance of possession by signing all 3 counterparts of this Confirmation Letter in the space provided and returning 2 fully executed counterparts to my attention. Tenant's failure to execute and return this letter, or to provide written objection to the statements contained in this letter, within 30 days after the date of this letter shall be deemed an approval by Tenant of the statements contained herein.

Sincerely,

Authorized Signatory

Acknowledged and Accepted:

Tenant: _____
By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

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REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OR ALTERATIONS BY TENANT

This Exhibit is attached to and made a part of the Multi-Tenant Industrial Triple Net Lease (the “**Lease**”) by and between **ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (“**Landlord**”), and **DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.**, a Nevada corporation (“**Tenant**”), for space in the Building located at 1190 Trademark Drive, Suite 108, Reno, Nevada. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given in the Lease.

If Landlord shall permit Tenant to construct any initial tenant improvements in the Premises or to have any Alterations performed in the Premises at any time prior to or during the Term by a contractor retained by Tenant ("**Tenant's Work**"), then Tenant shall comply with the requirements set forth herein. If Tenant's Work has been properly authorized, Tenant will receive written approval and consent for alterations to the Premises.

1. **SUBMITTAL OF PLANS.** Prior to commencing any Tenant’s Work, Tenant shall submit to Landlord for approval its proposed plans for Tenant’s Work. Without limiting the foregoing, if required by Landlord and reasonable under the circumstances, Tenant shall provide:

- (a) A schedule of all work to be performed.
- (b) A separate scale drawing denoting all proposed construction and/or demolition, if necessary.
- (c) A separate drawing for each trade proposing structural, electrical, mechanical, civil or landscaping modifications.
- (d) All dimensions and complete references to all work to be performed in the affected areas.
- (e) If adding extra electrical or mechanical equipment, provide complete operating and maintenance specifications for each item.

Landlord's failure to respond to a written request from Tenant within ten (10) business days following Tenant’s written request shall be deemed be Landlord's disapproval of the applicable request for approval hereunder.

2. **CHECKLIST/BUILDING PERMITS.** With respect to each project, Landlord will provide Tenant with a checklist listing the items required to be furnished to Landlord in connection with the proposed work. Tenant shall furnish to Landlord prior to, during, or upon completion of Tenant's Work, as applicable, each of the items specified in the checklist attached hereto as **Attachment 1**. Prior to commencing any of the Tenant’s Work requiring any permit under Applicable Law, Tenant shall provide Landlord with copies of all permits secured in connection with any of the Tenant’s Work, along with the plans submitted in connection with such permits. Upon completion of the Tenant’s Work, Tenant shall provide copies of the final inspection, a certification of occupancy to the extent required under Applicable Law, and a notice of completion.

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3. **CONTRACTORS PROVIDING TENANT IMPROVEMENT SERVICES.**

(a) The contractor employed by Tenant and any subcontractors shall be (i) duly licensed in the state in which the Premises are located, and (ii) subject to Landlord's prior written approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If more than one trade is employed on a single job, state law requires the services of a general contractor in addition to contractors for specialty work being performed.

(b) Each contractor shall provide proof of licensing as a general or specialty contractor in accordance with Applicable Laws.

(c) Tenant shall use Landlord's subcontractor for mechanical, electrical, plumbing, roofing and roofing consultant.

(d) Tenant and Tenant's contractors shall comply with all Applicable Laws pertaining to the performance of Tenant's Work and the completed improvements and all applicable safety regulations established by Landlord or the general contractor.

(e) Prior to commencement of any work in the Premises, Tenant and Tenant's contractors (and any subcontractors) shall have a signed contract/service agreement in place listing the insurance requirements specifically naming the Landlord as an additional insured on their general liability insurance policy and having an indemnification section indemnifying Landlord and shall obtain and provide Landlord with certificates evidencing Workers' Compensation, public liability and property damage insurance in amounts and forms and with companies satisfactory to Landlord. Each general contractor (and any subcontractor) employed on the Premises shall provide Landlord with a current certificate of insurance in effect for that contractor with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation or revocation clause. Insurance requirements are as follows:

(i) Commercial General Liability with a \$2,000,000.00 Combined Single Limit covering the liability of Landlord and contractor for bodily injury and property damage arising as a result of the construction of the improvements and the services performed thereunder. The insurance certificate shall be submitted to Landlord for approval, and all General Liability insurance policies shall name as Additional Insureds Landlord, any successor in interest thereto, any Mortgagee of Landlord, any managing agent of Landlord, and owner of any of the foregoing, and any beneficiary, officer, director, employee, or agent of any of the foregoing.

(ii) Business Automobile Liability with a \$2,000,000.00 Combined Single Limit covering Landlord and vehicles used by contractor (and any subcontractor) in connection with the construction of the improvements.

(iii) Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability as required by law, for employees of the contractor (and any subcontractors) performing work on the Premises.

(f) The following requirements shall be incorporated as "**Special Conditions**" into the contract between Tenant and its contractors and a copy of the contract shall be furnished to Landlord prior to the commencement of Tenant's Work:

(i) Prior to start of Tenant's Work, Tenant's contractor shall provide Landlord with a construction schedule in "bar graph" form indicating the completion dates of all phases of Tenant's Work.

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(ii) Tenant's contractor shall be responsible for the repair, replacement and clean-up of any damage done by it to the Premises and other contractors' work which specifically includes accessways to the Premises which may be concurrently used by others.

(iii) Tenant's contractor shall accept the Premises prior to starting any trenching operations. Any rework of sub-base or compaction required after the contractor's initial acceptance of the Premises shall be done by Tenant's contractor, which shall include the removal from the Property of any excess dirt or debris.

(iv) Tenant's contractor shall contain its storage of materials and its operations within the Premises and such other space as it may be assigned by Landlord or Landlord's contractor. Should Tenant's contractor be assigned space outside the Premises, it shall move to such other space as Landlord or Landlord's contractor shall direct from time to time to avoid interference or delays with other work.

(v) Tenant's contractor shall clean up the construction area and surrounding exterior areas daily. All trash, demolition materials and surplus construction materials shall be stored within the Premises and promptly removed from the Premises and the Property and disposed of in an approved sanitation site.

(vi) Tenant's contractor shall provide temporary utilities, portable toilet facilities, and potable drinking water as required for its work within the Premises and shall pay to Landlord or Landlord's contractor the cost of any temporary utilities and facilities provided by Landlord or Landlord's contractor at Tenant's contractor's request.

(vii) Tenant's contractor shall notify Landlord or Landlord's property manager of any planned work to be done on weekends or other than normal job hours.

(viii) Tenant's contractor or subcontractors shall not post signs on any part of the Property or on the Premises.

(g) If required by Landlord and reasonable under the circumstances, Tenant shall provide Landlord with a set of "As-Built" drawings for any work performed to the Premises.

4. **COSTS.**

(a) Tenant shall promptly pay any and all costs and expenses in connection with or arising out of the performance of Tenant's Work (including the costs of permits therefor) and shall furnish to Landlord evidence of such payment upon request.

(b) Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for all costs which Landlord may incur in connection with granting approval to Tenant for any alteration and/or addition, including any costs or expenses which Landlord may incur in electing to have outside architects and engineers review said matters. Tenant shall pay Landlord an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total hard costs of construction and installation of Tenant's Work as compensation to Landlord for review of plans, use of facilities and other miscellaneous costs of Landlord incurred as a result of such work.

5. **CONTRACTOR'S BONDS.** If required by Landlord and reasonable under the circumstances, prior to the commencement of construction, Tenant shall obtain or cause its contractor to obtain and deliver evidence thereof to Landlord payment and performance bonds covering the faithful performance of the contract for the construction of the Tenant's Work and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder and shall furnish to Landlord evidence of such bonds upon request. In the alternative, and at Landlord's option, Tenant may appoint Landlord as its contractor, and in so doing, Tenant shall deposit with the Landlord a sum of money equal to the entire amount of the estimated construction cost, as is required for the installation of the Tenant improvements on the Premises. If Tenant deposits with Landlord monies for construction costs, it is agreed that Landlord will not be placed in a fiduciary capacity as a trustee, or any other fiduciary title, for the sums of monies in Landlord's possession. Tenant agrees to hold Landlord harmless from any and all claims, for workmanship and installation of improvements, and for merchantability and quality of goods used for the installation of Tenant's improvements, as are requested by Tenant. Any bonds obtained pursuant hereto shall be for the mutual benefit of both Landlord and Tenant as obligees and beneficiaries.

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6. **BUILDING STANDARDS.** All work shall (a) be performed during Landlord's designated hours for construction work, (b) conform to Landlord's established rules (including clean up rules), regulations, building standards and specifications, (c) not interfere with any other tenant of Landlord, nor block any access points, (d) comply with any CC&Rs and all laws, rules and regulations. Tenant is required to make these standards part of the construction documents.

7. **ROOF PENETRATIONS.** If improvements penetrate the roof membrane, the penetrations will be sealed per Landlord or Landlord's consultant's roofing specifications and inspected by Landlord or Landlord's consultant to maintain the roof warranty. The cost of inspection and all corrective work shall be borne by Tenant. Tenant shall use Landlord's original roofing contractor for any inspection or work to be done on the roof of the Building.

8. **BUILDING MODIFICATIONS.** Work will only be approved within the confines of a given space. Tenant will not be allowed to modify building exterior or mechanical and electrical service as provided to the building in common with other tenants.

9. **ELECTRICAL WORK.** All electrical work shall only be for electrical panels located within the Premises. Additional service requirements shall be secured only by direction of Landlord.

10. **CLEAN UP AND DISPOSAL OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.** Tenant shall comply with Landlord's rules regarding clean up. Building trash containers are provided for office generated trash only and are not to be used for disposal of construction-related materials and debris. Unapproved usage will result in a penalty assessment to the Tenant equal to the cost of an extra pick-up service as provided under the current rate schedule of regular trash removal service.

11. **INSPECTION BY LANDLORD.** Landlord reserves the following rights: (i) the right of inspection prior to, during and at completion of all construction and/or demolition, (ii) the right to post and record a notice of nonresponsibility in conformity with the law of the state or commonwealth in which the Building is located, and (iii) the right to order a total stop to all improvements underway for non-compliance with any of the requirements hereof.

12. **GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

(a) If Landlord has agreed to provide an allowance toward the cost of tenant improvements, Landlord shall retain from such funds an amount determined by Landlord until Tenant has fully complied with the requirements hereof.

(b) Nothing contained herein shall make or constitute Tenant as the agent of Landlord.

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(c) All materials work, installations and decorations of any nature whatsoever brought on or installed in the Premises before the commencement of the Term or throughout the Term shall be at Tenant's risk, and neither Landlord nor any party acting on Landlord's behalf shall be responsible for any damage thereto or loss or destruction thereof due to any reason or cause whatsoever.

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ATTACHMENT 1 TO EXHIBIT F
ITEMS TO BE FURNISHED TO LANDLORD FOR EACH WORK OF IMPROVEMENT

This Attachment 1 to Exhibit F is attached to and made a part of the Multi-Tenant Industrial Triple Net Lease (the “**Lease**”) by and between **ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (“**Landlord**”), and **DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.**, a Nevada corporation (“**Tenant**”), for space in the Building located at 1190 Trademark Drive, Suite 108, Reno, Nevada. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given in the Lease.

1. Plan of Alterations for Landlord Approval.
2. Contractor(s), Address, Telephone Number, Contact Person.
3. Copy of Contractor’s State and City Business License.
4. Copy of all permits including, but not limited to, the Building Permit.
5. Copy of Final Inspection and Signed Building Permit Cards.
6. Copy of Certificate of Insurance Naming Landlord, Landlord’s Mortgagee, if any, any property management company of Landlord for the Premises, and any other party designated by Landlord as Additional Insured. Insurance to include Comprehensive General Liability, Comprehensive Auto, Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability.
7. Signed Unconditional lien waiver in favor of the Landlord.
8. Schedule of Work.
9. Copy of Completion and Payment Bond.
10. Architect’s License and Expiration.
11. Tenant and Architect Agreement.
12. Tenant and Contractor Agreement.
13. Copy of Permit Plans.
14. Copy of As-Builts.
15. Copy of Recorded Notice of Completion.
16. Certificate of Occupancy.
17. Evidence of Insurance for All-Risk/Builder’s Risk Insurance to the Amount of Improvements.

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SURVEY FORM

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The purpose of this form is to obtain information regarding the use of Hazardous Materials on the Premises. Prospective lessees should answer the questions in light of their proposed operations on the Premises. Existing lessees should answer the questions as they relate to ongoing operations on the Premises and should update any information previously submitted. If additional space is needed to answer the questions, you may attach separate sheets of paper to this form.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. Any questions should be directed to, and when completed, the form should be mailed to:

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Company Name: Dragonfly Energy Corp.

Check Applicable Status:
Prospective Lessee: X Current Lessee: _____

Mailing Address: 1355 Greg St., STE 101, Sparks, NV 89431

Contact Person & Title: Denis Phares, Chief Executive Officer

Phone #: (626) 476-0829

Address of Premises: 1190 Trademark Drive, STE 108, Reno, NV

Describe the proposed operations to take place on the Premises, including principal products manufactured or services to be conducted. Existing tenants should describe any proposed changes to ongoing operations.

Assembly and sales of Li-ion battery packs and accessories

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2. **STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

2.1 Will any Hazardous Materials be used or stored on the Premises?

Wastes Yes ____ No X

Chemical Products Yes ____ No X

Attach the list of any Hazardous Materials to be used or stored, the quantities that will be on site at any given time, and the location and method of storage.

3. **STORAGE TANKS & SUMPS**

3.1 Is any above or below ground storage of gasoline, diesel, or other Hazardous Materials in tanks or sumps proposed or currently conducted on the Premises?

Yes ____ No X

If yes, describe the materials to be stored, and the type, size and construction of the sump or tank. Attach copies of any permits obtained for the storage of such materials.

3.2 Have any of the tanks or sumps been inspected or tested for leakage?

Yes ____ No X

If yes, attach results.

3.3 Have any spills or leaks occurred from such tanks or sumps?

Yes ____ No X

If yes, describe.

3.4 Were any regulatory agencies notified of the spill or leak?

Yes ____ No X

If so, attach copies of any spill reports filed, any clearance letters or other correspondence from regulatory agencies relating to the spill or leak.

3.5 Have any underground storage tanks or sumps been taken out of service or been removed?

Yes ____ No X

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If yes, attach copies of any closure permits and clearance obtained from regulatory agencies relating to closure and removal of such tanks.

4. SPILLS

4.1 During the past year, have any spills occurred on the Premises?

Yes ____ No X

If so, please describe the spill and attach the results of any testing conducted to determine the extent of such spills.

4.2 Were any agencies notified in connection with such spills?

Yes ____ No ____

If so, attach copies of any spill reports or other correspondence with regulatory agencies.

4.3 Were any cleanup actions undertaken in connection with the spill?

Yes ____ No ____

If so, briefly describe the actions taken. Attach copies of any clearance letters obtained from any regulatory agencies involved and the results of any final soil or ground water sampling done upon completion of the cleanup work.

5. WASTE MANAGEMENT

5.1 Has your company been issued an EPA Hazardous Waste Generator I.D. Number?

Yes ____ No X

5.2 Has your company filed a biennial report as a hazardous waste generator?

Yes ____ No X

If so, attach a copy of the most recent report files.

5.3 Attach a list of the Hazardous Materials, if any, generated or to be generated at the Premises, its hazard class and the quantity generated on a monthly basis.

5.4 Describe the method(s) of disposal for each material. Indicate where and how often disposal will take place.

N/A

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- 5.5 Indicate the name of the person(s) responsible for maintaining copies of hazardous manifests completed for off-site shipments of Hazardous Materials.

Sean Nichols, COO

- 5.6 Is any treatment or processing of Hazardous Materials currently conducted or proposed to be conducted at the Premises:

Yes ____ No X

If yes, please describe any existing or proposed treatment methods.

- 5.7 Attach copies of any hazardous waste permits or licenses issued to your company with respect to its operations on the Premises.

6. **WATER TREATMENT / DISCHARGE**

- 6.1 Do you discharge waste water to: NO

_____ storm drain?

_____ sewer?

_____ surface water?

_____ no industrial discharge.

- 6.2 Is your wastewater treated before discharge?

Yes ____ No ____

If yes, describe the type of treatment conducted.

Attach copies of any wastewater discharge permits issued to your company with respect to its operations on the Premises.

7. **AIR DISCHARGES**

- 7.1 Do you have any filtration systems or stacks that discharge into the air? NO

Yes ____ No ____

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7.2 Do you operate any of the following types of equipment, or any other equipment requiring an air emissions permit? NO

_____ Spray booth
_____ Dip tank
_____ Drying oven
_____ Incinerator
_____ Other _____
_____ No Equipment Requiring Air Permits

7.3 Are air emissions from your operation monitored?

Yes ____ No X

If so, indicate the frequency of monitoring and a description of the monitoring results.

7.4 Attach copies of any air emissions permits pertaining to your operations on the Premises.

8. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DISCLOSURES**

8.1 Does your company handle Hazardous Materials in a quantity equal to or exceeding an aggregate of 500 pound, 5 gallons, or 200 cubic feet?

Yes ____ No X

8.2 Has your company prepared a Hazardous Materials management plan (“**Business Plan**”) pursuant to the Fire Department requirements for the County in which the Premises is located?

Yes ____ No X

8.3 Intentionally omitted.

8.4 Describe the procedure followed to comply with OSHA Hazard Communication Standard requirements.

9. **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS, COMPLAINTS**

9.1 Has your company ever been subject to any agency enforcement actions, administrative orders, or consent decrees?

Yes ____ No X

If so, describe the actions and any continuing compliance obligations imposed as a result of these actions.

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- 9.2 Has your company ever received requests for information, notice or demand letters, or any other inquiries regarding its operation?
Yes ____ No X
- 9.3 Have there ever been, or are there now pending, any lawsuits against the company regarding any environmental or health and safety concerns?
Yes ____ No X
- 9.4 Has an environmental audit ever been conducted at your company's current facility?
Yes ____ No X
- 9.5 Have there been any problems or complaints from neighbors at the company's current facility?
Yes ____ No X

Dragonfly Energy Corp.

Company

By: /s/ Denis Phares
Title: CEO
Date: October 28, 2020

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MOVE OUT CONDITIONS

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Lease, Tenant is obligated to check and address prior to move-out of the Premises the following items. The following list is designed to assist Tenant in the move-out procedures but is not intended to be all inclusive.

1. All lighting is to be placed into good working order, including, without limitation, replacement of bulbs, ballasts and lenses consistent with existing lighting, as needed.
2. All truck doors, dock levelers and pedestrian doors, are to be serviced and placed in good operating order. This includes the necessary replacement of any dented truck door panels and adjustment of door tension to insure proper operation. All door panels which are replaced are to be painted to match the Building standard.
3. All columns in the Premises are to be inspected for damage and Tenant shall be responsible for repairs to such structural columns resulting from damage caused by or attributable to Tenant and/or Tenant’s Parties.
4. HVAC, including without limitation, warehouse heaters, industrial fans, exhaust and ventilation systems, air rotation units, and infrared tube heaters (if applicable), are to be placed in good working order, including the necessary replacement of any parts to return HVAC to a well-maintained condition. Upon move-out, Landlord will have an exit inspection performed by a certified mechanical contractor to determine the condition of HVAC.
5. All holes in the sheetrock walls of the Premises are to be repaired/painted prior to move-out, and all striping and markings on floor (including the warehouse floor) are to be removed in their entirety in a manner so as not to detrimentally affect the slab, which such removal methods and/or processes shall be subject to Landlord’s prior approval thereof.
6. The carpets and tiles are to be in a clean condition and not have any holes or chips in them. Landlord will accept reasonable wear and tear on these items provided they appear to be in a maintained condition.
7. The Premises is to be returned in a clean condition, including the cleaning of the offices, coffee bar, restroom areas, windows and other portions of the Premises.
8. The warehouse area of the Premises is to be in broom clean condition, free of debris and cobwebs, with all inventory and racking removed. There are to be no protrusion of anchors or bolts from the warehouse floor. All bolts, anchors or other devices used to attach or affix Tenant’s trade fixtures are to be removed, subject to Landlord’s prior written approval. If machinery/equipment is removed, the electrical lines are to be properly terminated at the nearest junction box.

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9. All exterior windows with cracks or breakage are to be replaced, and all damaged window mullions are to be repaired or replaced, as necessary.
10. Tenant shall provide to Landlord the keys and passcodes for all locks on the Premises, including front doors, rear doors, and interior doors.
11. Except as otherwise agreed to in writing, it is expressly agreed that any and all telephonic, coaxial, ethernet, or other data, computer, word-processing, facsimile, cabling, or electronic wiring installed by Tenant in, on or about the Premises, including all lines above the office ceiling (collectively, "**Wiring**") is to be removed in its entirety, at Tenant's sole cost and expense. Tenant shall be responsible for any and all damages to the Premises caused by such removal.
12. All electrical systems are to be left in a safe condition that conforms to Applicable Laws. Bare wires and dangerous installations are to be corrected prior to move-out.
13. All plumbing fixtures are to be in good working order, including the water heater. Faucets and toilets are to be leak-free. Any sump pumps in the truck well shall be free of debris and operational.
14. All dock bumpers must be left in place and well secured.
15. All Tenant exterior and interior signs shall be removed and at a minimum, the wall surface shall be restored and painted to match the existing color, it being expressly understood that Tenant shall be responsible for any and all damages to the Premises, the Building or the Property caused by such signage removal.
16. All waste containers placed in or about the Premises or the Property by Tenant (including in the dock areas of the Premises) shall be removed and the areas related thereto returned in a clean and sanitary condition, free of debris.
17. Any and all roof penetrations shall be resealed in a watertight condition.

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MINIMUM SERVICE CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

This Exhibit is attached to and made a part of the Multi-Tenant Industrial Triple Net Lease (the “**Lease**”) by and between **ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (“**Landlord**”), and **DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.**, a Nevada corporation (“**Tenant**”), for space in the Building located at 1190 Trademark Drive, Suite 108, Reno, Nevada. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given in the Lease.

Service Contract. The Service Contract for the HVAC System required under Section 12.1 of the Lease must include the following:

- a. The service contract must become effective within thirty (30) days of Tenant’s occupancy of the Premises, and service visits must be performed on at least a quarterly basis unless otherwise agreed in writing by Landlord. The maintenance contract must include the following services:
- b. Adjust belt tension;
- c. Lubricate all moving parts, as necessary;
- d. Inspect and adjust all temperature and safety controls;
- e. Check refrigeration system for leaks and operation;
- f. Check refrigeration system for moisture;
- g. Inspect compressor oil level and crank case heaters;
- h. Check head pressure, suction pressure and oil pressure;
- i. Inspect air filters and replace when necessary;
- j. Check space conditions;
- k. Check condensate drains and drain pans and clean, if necessary;
- l. Inspect and adjust all valves;
- m. Check and adjust dampers; and
- n. Run machine through complete cycle.

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ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

This Exhibit is attached to and made a part of the Multi-Tenant Industrial Triple Net Lease (the “**Lease**”) by and between **ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (“**Landlord**”), and **DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.**, a Nevada corporation (“**Tenant**”), for space in the Building located at 1190 Trademark Drive, Suite 108, Reno, Nevada. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given in the Lease.

1. EXTENSION OPTION

(a) Provided that as of the time of the giving of the Extension Notice and the Commencement Date of the Extension Term, (x) Tenant is the Tenant originally named herein, (y) Tenant actually occupies all of the Premises initially demised under this Lease and any space added to the Premises, and (z) no Event of Default exists or would exist but for the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, then Tenant shall have the right to extend the Term (the “**Extension Option**”) for one additional term of five (5) years (such additional term is hereinafter called the “**Extension Term**”) commencing on the day following the expiration of the Term (hereinafter referred to as the “**Commencement Date of the Extension Term**”). Tenant shall give Landlord written notice (hereinafter called the “**Extension Notice**”) of its election to extend the term of the initial Term not less than six (6) full calendar months prior to the expiration of the initial Term and not more than nine (9) full calendar months prior to the expiration of the initial Term.

(b) The Base Rent payable monthly by Tenant to Landlord during the Extension Term shall be the greater of (i) the Base Rent applicable to the last year of the initial Term and (ii) the then prevailing market rate for comparable space in the Project and comparable buildings in the vicinity of the Project for non-sublease, non-encumbered, non-equity space comparable in size, location and quality to the Premises, as reasonably determined by Landlord, taking into account the size of the Lease, the length of the renewal term, market escalations and the credit of Tenant. The Base Rent shall not be reduced by reason of any costs or expenses saved by Landlord by reason of Landlord’s not having to find a new tenant for such premises (including, without limitation, brokerage commissions, costs of improvements, rent concessions or lost rental income during any vacancy period).

(c) The determination of Base Rent does not reduce the Tenant’s obligation to pay or reimburse Landlord for Operating Expenses and other reimbursement items as set forth in the Lease, and Tenant shall reimburse and pay Landlord as set forth in Lease with respect to such Operating Expenses and other items with respect to the Premises during the Extension Term without regard to any cap on such expenses set forth in the Lease.

(d) Except for the Base Rent as determined above, Tenant’s occupancy of the Premises during the Extension Term shall be on the same terms and conditions as are in effect immediately prior to the expiration of the initial Term; provided, however, Tenant shall have no further right to any allowances, credits or abatements or any options to expand, contract, renew or extend the Lease.

(e) Time is of the essence as to the giving of the Extension Notice. If Tenant does not give the Extension Notice within the period set forth in paragraph (a) above, Tenant’s right to extend the Term shall automatically terminate.

(f) Landlord shall have no obligation to refurbish or otherwise improve the Premises for the Extension Term. The Premises shall be tendered on the Commencement Date of the Extension Term in “AS-IS” condition.

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(g) If Tenant is entitled to and validly exercises its Extension Option, Landlord shall prepare an amendment (the "**Extension Amendment**") to reflect changes in the Base Rent, Term, Termination Date and other appropriate terms. The Extension Amendment shall be (i) sent to Tenant within a reasonable time after determination of the applicable Base Rent rate for the Extension Term, and (ii) executed by Tenant and returned to Landlord within 15 days after the Extension Amendment is delivered to Tenant by Landlord. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an otherwise valid exercise of the Extension Option shall be fully effective whether or not the Extension Amendment is executed.

(h) If Tenant exercises its right to extend the term of the Lease for the Extension Term pursuant to this Exhibit, the term "Term" as used in the Lease, shall be construed to include, when practicable, this Extension Term.

(i) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Tenant's Extension Option is subject and subordinate to the expansion rights (whether such rights are designated as a right of first offer, right of first refusal, expansion option, or otherwise) of any tenant of the Building existing on the date hereof.

(j) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Tenant's Extension Option is personal to Tenant and in no event shall such Extension Option be assignable.

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**FIRST AMENDMENT TO
MULTI-TENANT INDUSTRIAL TRIPLE NET LEASE**

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO MULTI-TENANT INDUSTRIAL TRIPLE NET LEASE dated _____, 2020 (this “**First Amendment**”) is entered into by and between **ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company (“**Landlord**”), and **DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.**, a Nevada corporation (“**Tenant**”), with reference to the following:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Landlord and Tenant entered into that certain Multi-Tenant Industrial Triple Net Lease dated November 1, 2020 (“**Lease**”), for the lease of certain premises (the “**Original Premises**”), consisting of approximately 55,000 rentable square feet located at 1190 Trademark Drive, Suite 108, Reno, Nevada. All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Lease; and

WHEREAS, Landlord and Tenant desire by this First Amendment to amend the Lease in order to, among other things, (a) expand the Original Premises leased by Tenant under the Lease to include certain additional premises (the “**Additional Premises**”) adjacent to the Original Premises, consisting of approximately 44,000 rentable square feet, commonly known as 1190 Trademark Drive, Suite 106, Reno, Nevada; (b) provide for Tenant’s payment of monthly Base Rent for the Additional Premises and Tenant’s Share of the Operating Expenses and Real Property Taxes for the Expanded Premises (as defined below); and (c) further amend, modify and supplement the Lease as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the Expanded Premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Landlord and Tenant hereby agree as follows:

1. **Recitals**. The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein as though set forth in full herein.

2. **Expansion of the Premises**. Effective as of March 1, 2021 (the “**Expansion Commencement Date**”), the Original Premises shall be expanded to include the Additional Premises, as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, upon all of the terms and conditions of the Lease except as otherwise set forth herein. Therefore, the Lease is hereby amended such that, from and after the Expansion Commencement Date, all references in the Lease to the “Premises” shall mean and refer to the entirety of the space in the Original Premises and the Additional Premises, which is approximately ninety-nine thousand (99,000) rentable square feet (the entirety of such space is referred to herein as the “**Expanded Premises**”). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Landlord shall not be obligated to deliver possession of the Additional Premises to Tenant until Tenant has provided to Landlord evidence of liability and property insurance coverage covering the Additional Premises pursuant to Section 11.2 of the Lease

3. **Base Rent for the Additional Premises.** Notwithstanding anything in the Lease to the contrary and in addition to paying monthly Base Rent for the Original Premises and all other monetary obligations due under the Lease, including all Additional Rent for the Expanded Premises, Tenant shall pay monthly Base Rent for the Additional Premises during the remainder of the Term according to the following schedule:

Period	Monthly Base Rent
March 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021	\$ 0.00
May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022	\$ 25,520.00
May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023	\$ 26,285.60
May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024	\$ 27,074.17
May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025	\$ 27,886.39
May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026	\$ 28,722.98

4. **Tenant's Share for the Expanded Premises.** On the Expansion Commencement Date, Tenant's Share of the Building shall be adjusted to 25% and Tenant's share of the Project shall be adjusted to 5.12% to reflect the Expanded Premises.

5. **Early Access to the Additional Premises.** Tenant shall have the right to access the Additional Premises commencing on February 1, 2021 and continuing until the Expansion Commencement Date (the "**Early Access Period**") for the sole purpose of installing furniture, fixtures and equipment and preparing the Additional Premises for occupancy, but in no event for commencing business operations from the Additional Premises; provided, however, that Tenant complies with all of the terms and conditions of the Lease, as amended by this First Amendment, other than any covenant to pay monthly Base Rent or Tenant's Share of Operating Expenses or Real Property Taxes with respect to the Additional Premises during the Early Access Period; provided further that Tenant has delivered to Landlord evidence of the insurance policies required under Section 11.2 of the Lease covering the entire Expanded Premises.

6. **Condition of the Expanded Premises.** Tenant acknowledges that it has been and continues to be in possession of the Original Premises, is familiar with the condition of the Premises and accepts the Premises in its presently existing, “as is” condition, with all faults and without representation, warranty or improvements by Landlord of any kind whatsoever, except as expressly provided in the Lease. Except as expressly provided in this Section, Tenant hereby agrees that the Additional Premises shall be taken “as is”, “with all faults”, “without any representations or warranties.” Tenant hereby acknowledges that it has had an opportunity to investigate and inspect the condition of the Additional Premises and the suitability of same for Tenant’s purposes, and Tenant does hereby waive and disclaim any objection to, cause of action based upon, or claim that its obligations hereunder should be reduced or limited because of the condition of the Additional Premises, the Building or the Project or the suitability of same for Tenant’s purposes. Tenant acknowledges that neither Landlord nor any agent nor any employee of Landlord has made any representations or warranty with respect to the Additional Premises, the Building or the Project or with respect to the suitability of either for the conduct of Tenant’s business and Tenant expressly warrants and represents that Tenant has relied solely on its own investigation and inspection of the Additional Premises, the Building and the Project in its decision to enter into this First Amendment and let the Additional Premises in an “as is” condition. No promise of Landlord to alter, remodel, repair, or improve the Additional Premises, the Original Premises, the Building or the Project, and no representation, express or implied, respecting any matter or thing relating to the Additional Premises, the Original Premises, the Building, the Project, or this First Amendment (including, without limitation, the condition of the Additional Premises, the Original Premises, the Building or the Project) has been made to Tenant by Landlord or its broker or sales agent other than as may be contained herein or in the Lease. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Landlord shall deliver the Additional Premises to Tenant broom clean and free of debris on or before the Expansion Commencement Date with the existing mechanical systems, plumbing system, electrical system and heating, ventilation and air conditioning system serving the office portion of the Additional Premises (but not the HVAC system serving the warehouse portion of the Additional Premises, if any) (the “**HVAC System**”), in good operating condition on the Expansion Commencement Date and Landlord warrants that the HVAC System shall continue to operate in good working order for the period ending on the date sixty (60) days after the Expansion Commencement Date (the “**HVAC Warranty Period**”), except to the extent such failure in the HVAC System to operate in good working order is caused by Tenant’s use or alterations to the Additional Premises or failure to properly maintain the HVAC System as required by this Lease. If a non-compliance with the foregoing exists as of the Expansion Commencement Date, Landlord shall, except as otherwise provided in the Lease, promptly after receipt of written notice from Tenant setting forth with specificity the nature and extent of such non-compliance, commence to rectify same at Landlord’s expense. If Tenant does not give Landlord written notice of a non-compliance within thirty (30) days after the Expansion Commencement Date, correction of that non-compliance shall be the obligation of Tenant at Tenant’s sole cost and expense. If a non-compliance with the HVAC warranty exists at any time prior to the expiration of the HVAC Warranty Period, Landlord shall, except as otherwise provided in the Lease, promptly after receipt of written notice from Tenant setting forth with specificity the nature and extent of such non-compliance, commence to rectify same at Landlord’s expense. If Tenant does not give Landlord written notice of a non-compliance on or before the expiration of the HVAC Warranty Period, correction of that non-compliance shall be the obligation of Tenant at Tenant’s sole cost and expense. At Landlord’s sole cost and expense using Landlord’s standard industrial materials, Landlord shall install LED high bay warehouse lights with motion sensors in the warehouse portion of the Additional Premises prior to the Expansion Commencement Date. In addition, Landlord shall provide Tenant with an improvement allowance (the “**Additional Premises Allowance**”) of up to Eighty Eight Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$88,000.00) for costs incurred by Tenant in constructing additional office space in the Additional Premises (the “**Additional Premises Improvements**”). The Additional Premises Allowance shall not be used for Tenant’s furniture, fixtures or equipment. Tenant shall provide to Landlord reasonable written documentation, including, but not limited to, paid invoices incurred in connection with the Additional Premises Improvements. Tenant will be responsible for paying all costs for the Additional Premises Improvements in excess of the Additional Premises Allowance. Landlord shall pay portions of the Additional Premises Allowance to Tenant following completion of the Additional Premises Improvements upon Landlord’s receipt of paid invoices therefor and unconditional mechanic’s lien waivers for all work evidenced by such paid invoices. In no event shall Landlord be obligated to make disbursements pursuant to this Section in a total amount which exceeds the Additional Premises Allowance and in no event shall Tenant be entitled to any credit for any unused portion of the Additional Premises Allowance not used by Tenant. If Tenant has not requested payment of any portion of the Additional Premises Allowance by the date that is six (6) months after the date of the Expansion Commencement Date, then Tenant shall not be entitled to any further payments of, and shall not have any further right to, such portion of the Additional Premises Allowance. The Additional Premises Improvements shall be subject to all of the applicable terms and provisions of the Lease, including, without limitation, all of the requirements for Alterations set forth in Section 13 of the Lease.

7. **Extension Option.** Tenant shall continue to have the Extension Option to extend the Term set forth in Exhibit J attached to the Lease, provided that the Extension Option must be exercised for the entire Expanded Premises.

8. **Security Deposit.** Concurrently with the execution and delivery of this First Amendment by Tenant, Tenant shall pay to Landlord the amount of Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Four and 98/100 Dollars (\$32,484.98) to increase the Security Deposit being held by Landlord under the Lease. Effective as of the date of this First Amendment, the Lease shall be amended by replacing all references to the existing amount of the Security Deposit with the amount of Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Three and 15/100 Dollars (\$71,853.15), the increased amount of the Security Deposit.

9. **Estoppel.** Tenant hereby certifies and acknowledges, that as of the date hereof (a) Landlord is not in default in any respect under the Lease, (b) Tenant does not have any defenses to its obligations under the Lease, (c) Landlord is holding a Security Deposit in the amount of \$39,368.17 under the Lease, subject to increase as provided in Section 8 above, and (d) there are no offsets against rent payable under the Lease. Tenant acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the representations herein set forth constitute a material consideration to Landlord in entering into this First Amendment; (ii) such representations are being made by Tenant for purposes of inducing Landlord to enter into this First Amendment; and (iii) Landlord is relying on such representations in entering into this First Amendment.

10. **Brokers.** Tenant hereby represents and warrants to Landlord that Tenant has not entered into any agreement or taken any other action which might result in any obligation on the part of Landlord to pay any brokerage commission, finder's fee or other compensation with respect to this First Amendment, other than to Kidder Mathews, and Tenant agrees to indemnify and hold Landlord harmless from and against any losses, damages, costs or expenses (including without limitation, attorneys' fees) incurred by Landlord by reason of any breach or inaccuracy of such representation or warranty.

11. **Landlord's Limitation of Liability.** It is expressly understood and agreed that notwithstanding anything in the Lease (as hereby amended) to the contrary, and notwithstanding any applicable law to the contrary, the liability of Landlord under the Lease, as hereby amended, (including any successor Landlord) and any recourse by Tenant against Landlord shall be limited solely and exclusively to the interest of Landlord in and to the Building, and neither Landlord, nor any of its constituent partners or members, shall have any personal liability therefor, and Tenant hereby expressly waives and releases such personal liability on behalf of itself and all persons claiming by, through or under Tenant. Under no circumstances shall Landlord be liable for injury to Tenant's business or for any loss of income or profit therefrom.

12. Landlord Exculpation. No present or future officer, director, employee, trustee, partner, member, manager or agent of Landlord shall have any personal liability, directly or indirectly, and recourse shall not be had against any such officer, director, employee, trustee, partner, member, manager or agent under or in connection with the Lease, as hereby amended, or any other document or instrument heretofore or hereafter executed in connection with the Lease, as hereby amended. Tenant hereby waives and releases any and all such personal liability and recourse. The limitations of liability provided in this Section are in addition to, and not in limitation of, any limitation on liability applicable to Landlord provided by law or in any other contract, agreement or instrument.

13. Ratification. Except as otherwise specifically herein amended, the Lease is and shall remain in full force and effect according to the terms thereof. In the event of any conflict between the Lease and this First Amendment, this First Amendment shall control.

14. Attorneys' Fees. Should either party institute any action or proceeding to enforce or interpret this First Amendment or any provision thereof, for damages by reason of any alleged breach of this First Amendment or of any provision hereof, or for a declaration of rights hereunder, the prevailing party in any such action or proceeding shall be entitled to receive from the other party all cost and expenses, including actual attorneys' and other fees, reasonably incurred in good faith by the prevailing party in connection with such action or proceeding. The term "attorneys' and other fees" shall mean and include attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, and any and all consultants' and other similar fees incurred in connection with the action or proceeding and preparations therefore. The term "action or proceeding" shall mean and include actions, proceedings, suits, arbitrations, appeals and other similar proceedings.

15. Submission. Submission of this First Amendment by Landlord to Tenant for examination and/or execution shall not in any manner bind Landlord and no obligations on Landlord shall arise under this First Amendment unless and until this First Amendment is fully signed and delivered by Landlord and Tenant; provided, however, the execution and delivery by Tenant of this First Amendment to Landlord shall constitute an irrevocable offer by Tenant of the terms and conditions herein contained, which offer may not be revoked for thirty (30) days after such delivery.

16. Counterparts; Facsimile, Electronic and Emailed Signatures. This First Amendment may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement. A signed copy of this First Amendment transmitted by facsimile, email, DocuSign or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original executed copy of this First Amendment for all purposes.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this First Amendment has been executed by the parties as of the date first referenced above.

“Landlord”

ICON RENO PROPERTY OWNER POOL 3 NEVADA, LLC,
a Delaware limited liability company,

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

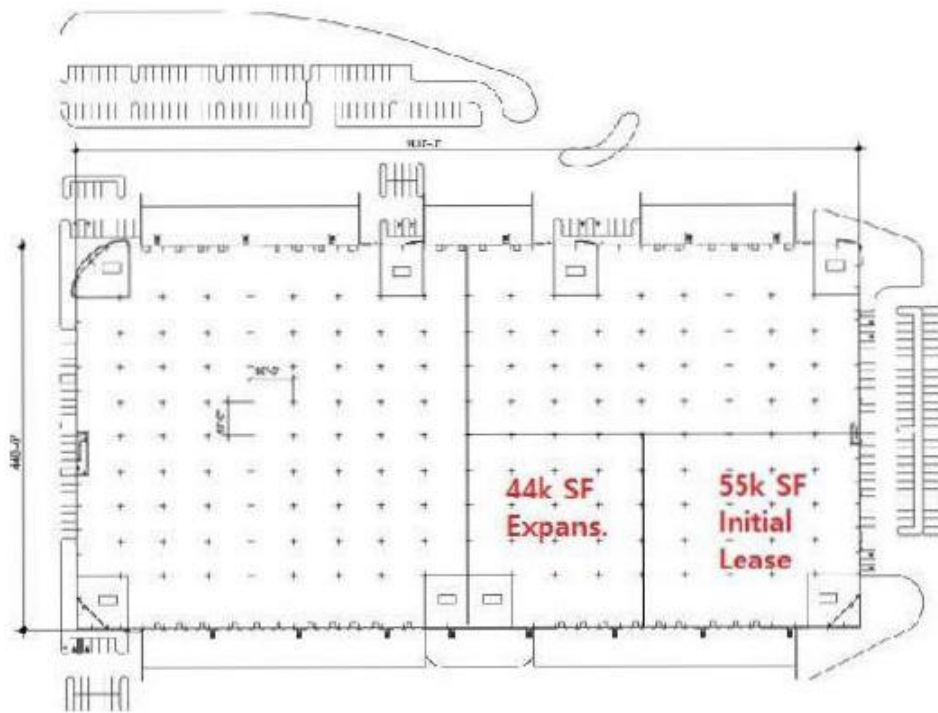
“Tenant”

DRAGONFLY ENERGY CORP.,
a Nevada corporation

By: _____ /s/ Denis Phares
Name: _____ Denis Phares
Title: _____ CEO

EXHIBIT A

ADDITIONAL PREMISES



PROLOGIS CLEAR LEASE

Simplify your lease. Simplify your business.

THIS LEASE is made between Landlord and Tenant as of the Effective Date below.

1. General Defined Terms.

- a) **Effective Date:** 08 February 2022, 20
- b) **Landlord:** Prologis, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
- c) **Landlord Notice Address:** Prologis 5520 Kietzke Ln., Suite 230 Reno, Nevada 89511 Attn: Market Officer
With copy to: Prologis 1800 Wazee Street Suite 500 Denver, Colorado 80202 Attn: General Counsel
- d) **Tenant:** Dragonfly Energy Corporation, a Nevada corporation
- e) **Tenant Notice Address:** 1190 Trademark Drive #108 Reno, Nevada 89521 Attn: General Counsel
With copy to:
- f) **Premises:** That portion of the Building containing approximately 390,240 rentable square feet as shown on Exhibit A.
- g) **Building:** Damonte Ranch 4 (address to be assigned upon Building completion)
- h) **Project:** Prologis Park Damonte Ranch
- i) **Tenant's Proportionate Share of Taxes:** 100.00%
- j) **Lease Term:** Beginning on the Commencement Date and ending on the day which is 124 full calendar months following the Commencement Date (the "Expiration Date").
- k) **Commencement Date:** Upon Substantial Completion of construction of the Building (where "Substantial Completion of construction of the Building" shall mean and refer to the occurrence of: (a) Landlord's receipt of permit sign-offs for the Building, and (b) the certification by the construction project architect that the Building is substantially completed except for punch list items which do not prevent in any material way the use of the Building for the purposes for warehouse use).
- l) **Monthly Base Rent:**
- | <u>Period</u> | <u>Monthly Base Rent</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Month 1 through Month 4 | *USD\$230,241.60 |
| Month 5 through Month 12 | USD\$230,241.60 |
| Month 13 through Month 24 | USD\$237,148.85 |
| Month 25 through Month 36 | USD\$244,263.32 |
| Month 37 through Month 48 | USD\$251,591.22 |
| Month 49 through Month 60 | USD\$259,138.96 |
| Month 61 through Month 72 | USD\$266,913.13 |
| Month 73 through Month 84 | USD\$274,920.52 |
| Month 85 through Month 96 | USD\$283,168.14 |
| Month 97 through Month 108 | USD\$291,663.18 |
| Month 109 through Month 120 | USD\$300,413.08 |
| Month 121 through Month 124 | USD\$309,425.47 |
- *Base Rent is abated during this period. Monthly FOE and Taxes will be due as provided in this Lease during this period.
- m) **Monthly Fixed Operating Expenses ("Monthly FOE"):** Operating Expenses: USD\$21,892.46
 Capital Repairs/Replacements: USD\$2,107.30
Total Monthly FOE: USD\$23,999.76
- n) **Annual FOE Increase:** 2.40%
- o) **Monthly Taxes (Initial Estimate):** USD\$21,463.20



- p) **Security Deposit:** USD\$275,704.56 in the form of Cash
- q) **Landlord Broker:** CBRE – Dan Buhrmann
- r) **Tenant Broker:** Kidder Mathews Inc. – Steve Kucera
- s) **Exhibits:**
- Exhibit A** - Site Plan
 - Exhibit B** - Project Rules and Regulations
 - Exhibit C** - Nevada Notice of Non-Responsibility
 - Exhibit D** - One Renewal Option at Market
 - Exhibit E** - Storage and Use of Permitted Hazardous Materials

2. Granting Clause. In consideration for performance of Tenant's obligations under this Lease, Landlord leases to Tenant, and Tenant takes from Landlord, the Premises for the Lease Term, subject to the provisions of this Lease. Tenant represents and warrants to Landlord that the individual executing this Lease on behalf of Tenant is authorized to do so, and Tenant has taken all necessary actions for this Lease to be binding and enforceable.

3. Acceptance of Premises. Tenant accepts the Premises in its "as-is" condition as of the Commencement Date. Tenant waives any implied warranty that the Premises is suitable for Tenant's intended purposes. Within 10 days after request, Tenant shall execute and deliver to Landlord a certificate stating the Commencement Date of the Lease and the end of the Lease Term. Occupation of the Premises by Tenant prior to the Commencement Date shall be subject to all obligations of Tenant under this Lease except for the payment of Monthly Base Rent, Monthly FOE, and Monthly Taxes.

Landlord represents and warrants, to its knowledge, that as of the Commencement Date the Premises' HVAC, electrical, plumbing and other mechanical systems are in good working order and Landlord warrants such systems for a period of six (6) months from the Commencement Date; provided, however, that such warranty shall not be effective for any maintenance, repairs or replacements necessitated due to the misuse of, or damages caused by, Tenant, its employees, contractors, agents, subtenants, or invitees.

4. Use. The Premises shall be used only for the purpose of receiving, storing, shipping, and selling (but specifically excluding retail selling) products, and for such other incidental lawful uses; furthermore, with respect to the materials itemized in Exhibit E and pursuant to the terms thereof, Tenant's use may include manufacturing and assembly. Tenant shall not conduct any public sale at the Premises, use the Premises as a place of public accommodation under the Americans With Disabilities Act or any other Legal Requirements, or permit any nuisance at the Premises. Tenant shall use the Premises in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, orders, judgments, ordinances, regulations, codes, permits, licenses, covenants, and restrictions now or hereafter applicable to the Premises (collectively, "**Legal Requirements**"). Tenant shall, at its expense, make any alterations or modifications to the Premises or Project that are required by Legal Requirements due to Tenant's specific use or occupation of the Premises.

5. Monthly Base Rent and Monthly FOE. Upon execution of this Lease, Tenant shall pay to Landlord the first payment of Monthly Base Rent, Monthly Taxes, and Monthly FOE payable under the Lease, and thereafter Tenant shall pay all such payments in advance, without demand, no later than the first day of each calendar month following the Commencement Date (prorated for any fractional calendar month). Effective on the same date that Monthly Base Rent is increased following any abatement period as provided in Section 1, the Monthly FOE shall be automatically increased by the Annual FOE Increase set forth in Section 1. Tenant shall make all payments to Landlord (or to such other party or at such location as Landlord may from time to time specify in writing) by **Electronic** Fund Transfer or Automated Clearing House. Tenant's payment obligations and Landlord's obligations under this Lease are independent obligations. Tenant shall not abate, reduce, or set-off any amounts payable except as may be expressly provided in this Lease. Without limiting Landlord's other rights and remedies, if Tenant is delinquent in any payment due for more than 5 days, Tenant shall pay to Landlord on demand as a late charge (and not as a penalty) an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the delinquent sum.

The Monthly FOE payable by Tenant shall be Tenant's reimbursement for Landlord's costs with respect to insurance premiums as provided in Section 9, Landlord's repair and maintenance obligations as provided in Section 10, and the property management fee.

6. Security Deposit. Tenant shall pay Landlord the Security Deposit upon execution of this Lease as security for the performance of Tenant's obligations. The Security Deposit is not an advance rental deposit, or a measure of Landlord's damages arising from an Event of Default (as hereinafter defined). Upon any Event of Default, Landlord may use the Security Deposit to satisfy Tenant's obligations under this Lease, without prejudice to any other remedy provided herein or by law. Tenant shall pay Landlord, no later than 10 days from demand, an amount that will restore the Security Deposit to the amount required under this Lease. Landlord's obligation with respect to the Security Deposit is that of a debtor, not a trustee. The Security Deposit shall be the property of Landlord, and any remaining amount of the Security Deposit shall be paid to Tenant no later than 30 days after Tenant's obligations under this Lease have been fulfilled. Landlord shall not be required to keep the Security Deposit separate from its general accounts, and no interest shall accrue thereon.

7. Utilities. Tenant shall pay the utility provider directly for all separately metered or contracted utilities serving the Premises, along with any taxes, penalties, or surcharges related thereto. Water and sewer services are included in the Monthly FOE, and Tenant agrees to limit use of water and sewer to amounts consistent with normal restroom, break room, and office use. Notwithstanding the foregoing, provided that such utilities are priced at, or below, local utility provider rates, Landlord may elect to deliver gas and electric utility services to Tenant directly, or through an intermediary, including Landlord holding the utility accounts, and Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for Tenant's consumption no later than thirty (30) days from receipt of demand. In the event Tenant's use of water and sewer services materially exceeds the foregoing, Landlord may separately meter the water and sewer services, at Tenant's expense, and may require Tenant to pay the service provider directly. Landlord shall have no liability to Tenant with respect to any interruptions or failures of utilities.

8. Taxes. Subject to reimbursement as provided below, Landlord shall pay all taxes, assessments, governmental charges, fees or payments to a governmental authority in lieu of taxes, and fees payable to tax consultants and attorneys for consultation and contesting taxes that accrue during the Lease Term against the tax parcel on which the Premises is located (collectively, "**Taxes**"). In addition, Taxes shall include all capital levies, or other taxes assessed upon the rent payable to Landlord under this Lease, and any franchise tax, excise, use, margin, transaction, sales or privilege tax, assessment, levy or charge measured by or based upon such rent, or the value of the Premises and/or the Project; provided, however, in no event shall Tenant be liable for any income taxes imposed on Landlord unless such income taxes are in substitution for any Taxes. If any tax is levied or assessed directly against Tenant, or results from any Tenant-Made Alterations (defined below), property, contents, or fixtures placed in the Premises by Tenant, then Tenant shall pay such tax directly to the taxing authority, even if levied or assessed against Landlord.

Along with each payment of Monthly Base Rent under this Lease, Tenant shall pay Landlord one-twelfth (1/12) of Tenant's Proportionate Share of Taxes as estimated by Landlord from time to time. Tenant shall be responsible only for Tenant's Proportionate Share of actual Taxes in any calendar year. Each year, within ninety (90) days of the final determination of Taxes for the prior year, Landlord shall provide Tenant with reasonable documentation of the Taxes for such period, together with a reconciliation statement showing the Taxes paid by Tenant and the actual Taxes for such period; any difference between Tenant's estimated payments and Tenant's Proportionate Share of actual Taxes will be reconciled annually by either: (a) Tenant paying Landlord, or (b) Landlord paying Tenant, such amounts to true-up the differences, each within thirty (30) days after such determination. Tenant's Proportionate Share may be as adjusted by Landlord for future changes in the physical size of the Premises, Building, or Project. The Monthly Taxes is an estimate only, actual Taxes may vary.

9. Insurance. During the Lease Term, Landlord shall maintain all risk property insurance covering the replacement of the Building and commercial general liability insurance on the Project. Landlord's insurance may be included in a blanket policy or captive insurance program. Tenant will not use the Premises in any manner that would void Landlord's insurance.

During the Lease Term, Tenant shall maintain the following insurance policies at Tenant's expense and without limiting Tenant's liability under this Lease: (a) commercial general liability, on an occurrence basis, having a minimum limit of \$2,000,000 per occurrence naming Landlord, Prologis, Inc., and its property manager as additional insureds; (b) all-risk property covering the full replacement cost of all property and improvements placed in the Premises by, or on behalf of, Tenant; (c) workers' compensation as required by the applicable state statute which shall include a waiver of subrogation in favor of Landlord Parties; (d) employers liability of not less than \$1,000,000, and (v) business automobile liability having a combined single limit of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence insuring Tenant against liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of any owned, hired or non-owned vehicles. Tenant's insurance shall provide primary and non-contributory coverage to Landlord Parties with respect to Tenant's indemnity obligations under this Lease. Tenant's insurance requirements may be satisfied by a combination of primary and excess policy limits or an umbrella policy. Tenant shall provide Landlord with certificates of such insurance prior to Tenant taking possession of the Premises, and thereafter prior to the expiration of the insurance coverage, or 15 days following Tenant's receipt of Landlord's request.

The all-risk property insurance obtained by Landlord and Tenant shall include a waiver of subrogation in connection with any insured loss by the insurers and all rights based upon an assignment from its insured, against Landlord, or its agents, employees, contractors, or property manager (collectively the “**Landlord Parties**”), or Tenant, its agents, employees, contractors, subtenants, assigns, or invitees (collectively the “**Tenant Parties**”). No Landlord Parties or Tenant Parties shall be liable to any other, for any loss coverable by all risk property insurance, and each party waives claims against the Landlord Parties and Tenant Parties (as applicable) for such loss. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, Tenant shall be responsible for all contents, owned or unowned, places in the Premises by, or on behalf of, Tenant. The failure of either party to insure its property shall not void this waiver. The Landlord Parties and Tenant Parties waive any claims against the other for business interruption loss from any cause whatsoever, including damage caused in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by the negligent acts of the other party (but subject to Legal Requirements with respect to the non waive-ability of gross negligence or intentional misconduct of either party).. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any damage to the Project caused by Tenant Parties, Tenant shall pay Landlord’s all-risk property insurance deductible, not to exceed \$25,000 per occurrence, within thirty (30) days following demand.

10. Landlord's Repairs and Maintenance. Landlord shall maintain, repair, and replace as reasonably necessary to keep in good working order the following elements of the Project which serve the Building: (a) structural elements of the Building, (b) roof (including roof membrane), (c) exterior walls, (d) parking areas (including snow removal to the extent consistent with market practice), driveways, landscaping, (e) exterior lighting, (f) Building fire sprinkler system, (g) plumbing, water and sewer lines (excluding any Tenant specialized plumbing), (h) water heater, (i) restroom and breakroom fixtures existing as of the Commencement Date, (j) office area ceiling tiles, (k) windows, (l) demising wall, (m) ventilation, and air conditioning units serving the office area of the Premises (the “**Office HVAC**”), and (n) exterior louvers and ventilation fans for standard warehouse air changes, heating and evaporative cooler systems serving the warehouse area of the Premises (the “**Warehouse Systems**”). Landlord shall also complete a bi-annual preventative maintenance service of all dock doors, dock levelers, and dock bumpers. Landlord’s obligations for repair and replacements under this Lease shall expressly exclude any damage resulting from the misuse or damage by Tenant Parties, and, subject to Sections 9 and 15, Tenant shall reimburse Landlord no later than thirty (30) days from demand the cost of any repair or replacement resulting from damage or misuse by Tenant Parties. Tenant shall promptly give Landlord written notice of any repair required by Landlord.

11. Tenant's Repairs. Subject to Landlord's obligations in Section 10, and subject to Sections 9 and 15, Tenant, at its expense, shall maintain, repair, and replace in good working order all areas, improvements and systems exclusively serving the Premises including floor slab, doors, and Tenant HVAC and related components. “**Tenant HVAC**” means HVAC systems installed by Tenant, specialty HVAC equipment (including IT room HVAC), and warehouse air conditioning systems (other than the Warehouse Systems) including temperature-controlled product systems. In addition, Tenant, at Tenant’s expense, shall repair and replace in good working order the dock doors, dock levelers, and dock bumpers serving the Premises. If Tenant fails to perform any Tenant maintenance, repair, or replacement required under this Lease within 30 days from demand, Landlord may perform such work and Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for such costs within 30 days after demand along with a 5% administrative fee.

12. Tenant-Made Alterations and Trade Fixtures. Tenant must obtain Landlord’s written consent for any alterations or improvements made to the Premises or Project by, or on behalf of, Tenant (“**Tenant-Made Alterations**”). Tenant shall be responsible to ensure that all Tenant-Made Alterations comply with Legal Requirements and are constructed in a good and workmanlike manner by reputable contractors. Tenant shall provide Landlord with the names of all contractors performing work or supplying materials prior to beginning construction, and Landlord may post notices of non-responsibility at the Premises. Tenant shall cause its contractor completing Tenant-Made Alterations to provide certificates of insurance for worker's compensation, including a waiver of subrogation in favor of Landlord Parties, and commercial general liability in an amount equal to \$2,000,000, including a provision of additional insured status for Landlord Parties. Upon completion of any Tenant-Made Alterations, Tenant shall deliver to Landlord final lien waivers from all contractors and subcontractors which provided services for the Tenant-Made Alterations. Upon surrender of the Premises, Tenant shall remove all Tenant-Made Alterations and any improvements constructed by Tenant, unless Landlord notifies Tenant that they shall remain as Landlord's property. Tenant shall repair any damage resulting from such removal. Upon Tenant's written request, Landlord shall provide Tenant a list of Tenant-Made Alterations Landlord will allow to remain upon the Expiration Date.

Without Landlord's approval, Tenant may erect shelves, racking, machinery and trade fixtures in the Premises (collectively "**Trade Fixtures**"), provided such items: (a) do not overload the slab, (b) may be removed without damaging the slab or the Premises, and (c) comply with all Legal Requirements. Upon Lease termination, Tenant, at its expense, shall remove its Trade Fixtures and repair any damage to the Premises caused from such removal.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, and provided that no Event of Default exists or would exist but for the passage of time, giving of notice, or both, Landlord shall contribute up to a maximum amount of \$4,682,880 (the "TI Allowance"), towards the Tenant-Made Alterations to the Premises which can be capitalized by Landlord (as opposed to repairs and maintenance to the Premises), which payment shall be made by Landlord to Tenant within 30 days following (i) completion of the Tenant-Made Alterations, (ii) Landlord's receipt of Tenant's invoice substantiating the costs along with copies of vendor invoices summarizing work done, (iii) Landlord's receipt of final lien waivers from all contractors and subcontractors who worked on the Tenant-Made Alterations, and (iv) Landlord's receipt of a copy of the final construction permit approved by the applicable governing authority to the extent required for such Tenant-Made Alterations. Landlord shall be under no obligation to pay for any Tenant-Made Alterations to the Premises in excess of the TI Allowance. Further, such TI Allowance shall only be available for Tenant's use through Month 24 of the Lease, and Tenant hereby waives any and all rights to any unused portion of the TI Allowance remaining thereafter.

Tenant acknowledges this Lease is for new-build construction. Without any Landlord representation, warranty, or liability with respect to the contents thereof, and without granting or implying any Tenant right to request modifications or to approve the contents thereof, Landlord shall provide Tenant with a copy (in electronic format or other format readily available to Landlord) of the base building specifications for the Building.

13. Signs. Tenant must obtain Landlord's written consent for any exterior signage. Upon the Lease termination, Tenant, at its expense, shall remove all such signage and repair, paint, and/or replace any damaged building facia surfaces. Tenant, at its expense, shall comply with all Legal Requirements pertaining to such items.

14. Parking. Tenant may park operable vehicles in areas of the Project designated for non-reserved parking and may park operable vehicles and trailers overnight at the docks and designated truck and trailer parking areas for the Premises. Tenant shall not park vehicles or trailers in a manner that causes interference with the access to the parking lots and truck courts at the Project. Landlord may allocate parking spaces among Tenant and other tenants if Landlord reasonably determines such allocation is beneficial to the Project. Landlord shall not be responsible for enforcing Tenant's parking rights against any third parties.

15. Restoration. If at any time during the Lease Term the Premises is damaged by fire or other casualty event (the "**Casualty Damage**"), within 60 days after such event, Landlord shall notify Tenant of its reasonable estimate for restoration time (the "**Restoration Notice**"). If the restoration time is estimated to exceed 6 months, either Landlord or Tenant may elect to terminate this Lease upon delivery of written notice to the other party no later than 30 days after delivery of the Restoration Notice. If neither party elects to terminate this Lease, or if Landlord estimates that restoration will take less than 6 months, then Landlord shall, subject to receipt of insurance proceeds, restore the Premises, excluding any Tenant-Made Alterations and Trade Fixtures. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate this Lease if the Casualty Damage occurred during the last year of the Lease Term and Landlord reasonably estimates that it will take more than one month to repair such damage. Commencing on the date of the Casualty Damage, Monthly Base Rent, Monthly Taxes, and the Monthly FOE shall be abated from the date of Casualty Damage through the period of repair and restoration in the proportion of the Premises, if any, which is not usable by Tenant. Such abatement shall be the sole remedy of Tenant, and Tenant waives any right to terminate this Lease by reason of damage or casualty loss except as provided above.

16. Condemnation. If the entire Premises is permanently taken by right of eminent domain, or by a purchase in lieu thereof (each a "**Taking**" or "**Taken**"), then upon written notice by Landlord this Lease shall terminate and Monthly Base Rent, Monthly FOE, and Monthly Taxes shall be apportioned as of the date of the Taking. If part of the Premises is Taken, then this Lease shall be terminated with respect to the portion so Taken and Monthly Base Rent and Monthly FOE shall be proportionately reduced to the extent fair and reasonable under the circumstances. In the event of a Taking, Landlord shall be entitled to receive the entire purchase price or award from a Taking, and Tenant shall assign to Landlord Tenant's interest, if any, in such purchase price or award. Without diminishing Landlord's purchase price or award, Tenant shall have the right to make a separate claim against the Taking authority (but not Landlord) for such compensation as may be separately awarded or recoverable by Tenant.

17. Assignment and Subletting. Tenant shall not assign this Lease, sublease the Premises, or mortgage or pledge its leasehold interest in this Lease without Landlord's prior written consent, except as provided below, and any attempt to do so shall be an immediate Event of Default. In determining whether to grant, delay or condition its consent, Landlord may consider whether the intended use would adversely impact the value of the Building, the use or operations of other tenants at the Project, or impair Landlord's ability to lease other space in the Project. Tenant shall provide Landlord the proposed assignee or sublessee's name, a description of its business, its financial information, and such other information as Landlord may reasonably request. Any approved assignment or sublease shall be expressly subject to: (a) the terms and conditions of this Lease, and (b) revocable if there is an uncured Event of Default, either at the time of notice or as of the effective date of the assignment or sublease. In an Event of Default, Landlord may collect rent from any occupant of the Premises apply the amount collected to the next due installment of rent under this Lease. For purposes of this Section, a transfer of the ownership interests controlling Tenant shall be deemed an assignment of this Lease unless the interests are publicly traded. Notwithstanding the above, without Landlord's consent, but with prior written notice to Landlord, Tenant may assign this Lease, or sublet the Premises to any entity controlling Tenant, controlled by Tenant or under common control with Tenant (a "**Tenant Affiliate**"). This Lease shall be binding upon Tenant's successors and assigns. Upon Landlord's receipt of Tenant's written notice of a desire to assign this Lease, or sublet the Premises (other than to a Tenant Affiliate), Landlord may terminate this Lease with respect to the area of the Premises described in Tenant's notice by giving written notice to Tenant within 30 days of Landlord's receipt of such request.

Notwithstanding any assignment or subletting (or any Landlord consent thereto), Tenant and any guarantor of Tenant's obligations shall remain liable for all of Tenant's obligations under this Lease. In the event that the Base Rent due by a sublessee exceeds the Monthly Base Rent payable under this Lease, then Tenant shall pay to Landlord 50% of such excess within 30 days following receipt.

18. Indemnification. Tenant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, Landlord Parties from and against all losses, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from third party claims for personal injuries, or damage, theft, or loss of property occurring at the Project which arises from: (a) the use and occupancy of the Premises by Tenant Parties, or (b) any other act or omission of Tenant Parties, except for the negligence or willful misconduct of Landlord Parties. The furnishing of insurance required hereunder shall not be deemed to limit Tenant's obligations under this Section.

19. Inspection, Data, and Access. Landlord and its agents, representatives, lenders, investors, prospective buyers, consultants, and contractors may enter the Premises at reasonable times to inspect the Premises for any reasonable business purpose, and during the last year of the Lease Term, to show the Premises to prospective tenants. Landlord may grant easements, make public dedications, designate or modify common areas, and create restrictions affecting the Project (collectively, "**Encumbrances**"), provided that Encumbrances do not materially interfere with Tenant's authorized use or occupancy of the Premises. Tenant agrees to execute any reasonable instruments as may be necessary for Encumbrances. Upon reasonable prior notice to Tenant, Landlord may install and maintain sensors and meters (collectively "**Devices**") in the Premises for the purpose of collecting raw Building data regarding the operational efficiency of the HVAC, roof, foundation and exterior walls, temperature, utility, and lighting usage (the "**Data**"). The Devices shall not: (a) materially interfere with Tenant's use or occupancy of the Premises, (b) include cameras, video, or voice recording devices, or (c) collect personal or employee data, or otherwise track or identify people, equipment, or inventory. Landlord shall own all rights, title and interest in all the Data collected from Devices. Upon request to Landlord, Tenant shall have the right to access and use the Data for its internal business purposes during the Lease Term.

20. Quiet Enjoyment. Absent any uncured Event of Default, Tenant shall have peaceful and quiet enjoyment of the Premises against any person claiming by, through or under Landlord.

21. Surrender. Upon the Lease termination, or the termination of Tenant's possession of the Premises, Tenant shall surrender the Premises to Landlord in the same condition as received, , ordinary wear and tear, casualty loss and condemnation excepted, and remove all Trade Fixtures, Tenant-Made Alterations and property. Tenant shall remove, or cut below the slab surface, all racking bolts, and repair cracks, spalling, and racking bolt damage with mm-80 (or equivalent) epoxy or polymer to match concrete color and finished smooth with slab surface. All floor striping (including paint or tape) shall be removed with no residual staining or other indication that such striping or taping existed. Any such items not removed shall be deemed abandoned. In the event Tenant fails to comply with either (a) or (b) above, Landlord may complete such work, and Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for the costs thereof no later than thirty (30) days following receipt of demand. Any outstanding Tenant obligations under this Lease shall survive the termination of the Lease Term.

22. Holding Over. Possession of the Premises by Tenant after the termination of this Lease, shall be subject to immediate termination by Landlord, and all terms of this Lease shall be applicable during such holdover period except (a) any expansion, renewal, or similar option shall be null and void, and (b) Monthly Base Rent for the holdover period shall be 150% of the Monthly Base Rent in effect immediately prior to the holdover period. In addition, Tenant shall be liable for all damages incurred by Landlord as a result of the holdover. Holdover shall not extend the Lease Term, and this Section shall not be construed as consent for Tenant to retain possession of the Premises. For purposes of this Section, "possession of the Premises" shall continue until Landlord has legal control over the Premises, all keys have been delivered, and Tenant has surrendered the Premises in the condition and repair as required in this Lease.

23. Events of Default. Each of the following shall be an event of default ("**Event of Default**") by Tenant:

- a) Failure by Tenant to pay any installment of Monthly Base Rent, Monthly Taxes, the Monthly FOE, or any other payment required within 5 days after the due date.
- b) Tenant or any guarantor: (i) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; (ii) commences any action to have an order for relief entered on its behalf as a debtor, or to adjudicate it as bankrupt, or insolvent, or seek reorganization, liquidation, or dissolution of it, or its debts, or seek an appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian or similar official for it, or its property (collectively a "**Proceeding for Relief**"); (iii) becomes subject to an involuntary Proceeding for Relief which is not dismissed within 60 days of filing; or (iv) is dissolved or otherwise fails to maintain its legal existence.
- c) Failure to maintain any insurance required by this Lease, or to timely deliver any certificate of insurance.
- d) Failure to comply with any other provision of this Lease for more than 30 days after Landlord has given Tenant written notice, except as otherwise provided in this Lease (said notice being in lieu of, and not in addition to, any notice required as a prerequisite to a forcible entry, detainer or similar action for possession of the Premises).
- e) The occurrence of any Event of Default otherwise specifically set forth in this Lease.

24. Landlord's Remedies. For so long as any Event of Default continues, Landlord may at any time elect to: (a) terminate this Lease, (b) terminate Tenant's right of possession of the Premises (but Tenant shall remain liable as hereinafter provided), and/or (c) pursue any other remedies at law or in equity. Upon the termination of this Lease, or termination of Tenant's right of possession, Landlord may, without formal demand or notice except as required by Legal Requirements, re-enter the Premises by any action or proceeding authorized by law, and remove Tenant, and all persons and property therefrom. If Landlord re-enters the Premises, Landlord shall have the right to keep in place, or remove and store, all property at the Premises at Tenant's expense. In the event Landlord delivers three notices of an Event of Default under this Lease in any twelve-month period, any subsequent failure to comply with this Lease shall be deemed an Immediate Event of Default. The term "Immediate Event of Default" shall mean Tenant has no cure period, and Landlord may immediately pursue all of its remedies.

If Landlord terminates this Lease, Landlord may recover from Tenant the sum of: (a) all Monthly Base Rent, Monthly Taxes, Monthly FOE, and all other amounts payable by Tenant which have accrued as of the date of termination; (b) the value of the Monthly Base Rent for any periods of abated Monthly Base Rent; (c) the cost of reletting the Premises, including the unamortized brokerage fees and/or leasing commissions incurred by Landlord, costs of removing and storing property, repairing or altering the Premises to the condition required by Tenant under this Lease; (d) all reasonable expenses incurred by Landlord in pursuing its remedies, including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs; and (v) the excess of the then present value of the Monthly Base Rent, Monthly Taxes, Monthly FOE, and other amounts payable by Tenant under this Lease applicable to the period following the termination of this Lease through the Expiration Date, over the present value of any amounts which Tenant establishes Landlord can reasonably expect to recover by reletting the Premises during such period, taking into consideration the availability of acceptable tenants consistent with Landlord's leasing criteria and other market conditions. Such present values shall be calculated at a discount rate equal to the 90-day U.S. Treasury bill rate at the date of the termination.

If Landlord terminates Tenant's right of possession (but not this Lease), Landlord shall use commercially reasonable efforts to relet the Premises without releasing Tenant from any liability hereunder and without notice to Tenant; provided, however, (a) Landlord shall not be obligated to accept a Tenant-proposed tenant, and (b) Landlord shall have the right to lease any other space controlled by Landlord or Landlord's affiliate first. Any reletting of the Premises shall be on terms and conditions acceptable to Landlord in its sole discretion. Landlord shall not be liable, nor shall Tenant's obligations be reduced as a result of Landlord not reletting the Premises. Landlord shall have the right to make repairs, changes, alterations, or additions to the Premises as Landlord deems necessary in order to relet the Premises. If the Premises is not relet, then Tenant shall pay to Landlord, as damages, a sum equal to: (1) the Monthly Base Rent, Monthly FOE, and Monthly Taxes payable by Tenant for such period that the Premises has not been relet, plus the cost of recovering possession of the Premises (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs); (2) any Monthly Base Rent, Monthly Taxes, Monthly FOE, and other amounts accrued and unpaid at the time of repossession; and (3) the costs incurred by Landlord's efforts to relet the Premises. If the Premises is relet, and the total rent and expenses payable by such replacement tenant (after first deducting any unpaid amounts payable by Tenant which accrued under this Lease, the cost of recovering possession of the Premises, the costs of repairs and alterations to the Premises completed by Landlord on Tenant's behalf, and leasing commissions) is not sufficient to satisfy the total rent and expenses payable by Tenant under this Lease, then Tenant shall immediately pay any such deficiency to Landlord upon demand. Notwithstanding any reletting without termination, Landlord may elect to terminate this Lease for a previous Event of Default at any time upon written notice.

Landlord's exercise of any remedies shall not be deemed an acceptance of surrender of the Premises and/or a termination of this Lease. Landlord's failure to enforce its rights under this Lease strictly in accordance the terms hereof shall not modify this Lease or create a custom contrary to the specific provisions of this Lease. Tenant and Landlord further agree that forbearance or waiver by Landlord to enforce its rights pursuant to this Lease, or at law or in equity, shall not waive its rights or remedies in connection with any subsequent Event of Default. No waiver by Landlord of any Lease provision shall be effective unless in writing and signed by Landlord, even if Landlord accepts Tenant's payments with knowledge of Tenant's breach of the Lease. Tenant waives all right of redemption following termination of the Lease or Tenant's right of possession by a judgment or warrant of any court. In the event Landlord exercises self-help, or lock-out, remedies as provided by law Tenant waives all claims against Landlord for business loss, business interruption, or any other damages resulting from Landlord's self-help or lock-out. The terms "enter," "re-enter," "entry" or "re-entry," as used in this Lease, are not restricted to their technical legal meanings.

25. Tenant's Remedies/Limitation of Liability. Landlord shall be in default of this Lease if Landlord fails to perform any of its obligations under this Lease within 30 days after written notice from Tenant specifying such failure (unless performance will, due to the nature of the obligation, require more than 30 days, then after a period of time reasonably necessary to cure such default). All obligations of Landlord shall be construed as covenants, not conditions; and, except as otherwise provided in this Lease, Tenant may not terminate this Lease for Landlord's breach of its obligations. The term "Landlord" shall mean only the then-current owner of the Premises, and in the event of an assignment of the Lease, the assignor shall be released and discharged from all obligations of Landlord under this Lease, and such obligations shall be binding during the Lease Term upon each new assignee for the duration of such owner's ownership. Any liability of Landlord shall be limited solely to its interest in the Building, and in no event shall any personal liability or recourse to any other property or assets of Landlord be asserted against Landlord.

26. Subordination. Tenant's interest and rights under this Lease shall automatically be subject and subordinate to any lien of an existing or future mortgage or any ground lease to which the Premises is subject, and all amendments, modifications, assignments and extensions thereof. Tenant agrees, at the election and after notice of the holder of any mortgage, or lessor under any ground lease, to execute, acknowledge and deliver such instruments to confirm such subordination and attornment. Any such holder may at any time subordinate its mortgage to this Lease, without Tenant's consent, by notice in writing to Tenant. The term "mortgage" whenever used in this Lease shall be deemed to include deeds of trust, security assignments and any other encumbrances. Any reference to the "holder" of a mortgage shall be deemed to include the beneficiary under a deed of trust.

27. Mechanic's Liens. Tenant shall not allow any lien or encumbrance of any kind to be placed upon the Building as a result of services or materials provided to the Building at any Tenant Parties' request. Tenant shall save and hold Landlord harmless from all loss, cost or expense based on or arising out of claims or liens asserted against the Building. Tenant shall give Landlord immediate written notice of any lien or encumbrance placed against the Building and cause the lien or encumbrance to be discharged, or bonded over, in a manner satisfactory to Landlord, within 20 days of the filing or recording thereof or such failure shall be deemed an immediate Event of Default.

28. Estoppel Certificates. Tenant agrees to execute and deliver to Landlord, or Landlord's designee, within 10 days after Landlord's request an estoppel certificate containing customary provisions. Tenant's failure to timely deliver an estoppel certificate shall constitute an immediate Event of Default.

29. Environmental Requirements. Except for Permitted Hazardous Materials pursuant to Exhibit F, Tenant shall not allow any party to introduce, transport, store, use, generate, manufacture, or dispose of any Hazardous Material at the Project without Landlord's prior written consent except for Hazardous Materials contained in: (a) products used by Tenant in de minimis quantities for ordinary cleaning and office purposes; (b) forklift propane tanks, and (c) products stored by Tenant in their original, sealed, and unopened containers, Tenant shall not allow any party to introduce, transport, store, use, generate, manufacture, or dispose of any Hazardous Material at the Project without Landlord's prior written consent. Tenant, at its sole cost and expense, shall: (v) cause its operations at the Project to comply strictly with all Environmental Requirements, including all reporting obligations imposed by applicable Environmental Requirements in the capacity as "operator" of Tenant's "facility" and the "owner" (as such terms are used in applicable Environmental Requirements) of all Hazardous Materials brought onto the Project by Tenant Parties, and the wastes, by-products, or residues generated, resulting, or produced therefrom, or extracted from the Project; (w) promptly inform and provide copies of any documentation relating in any way to Hazardous Materials at the Project which Tenant receives or sends; (x) promptly and diligently remediate in a manner satisfactory to Landlord's reasonable requirements, any Hazardous Materials released on, or from, the Project by Tenant Parties; (y) promptly notify Landlord in writing of any spill, release, discharge, or disposal of any Hazardous Material in, on, or under the Project; and (z) promptly complete and deliver any disclosure or certification requested by Landlord concerning Tenant Parties' transportation, storage, use, generation, manufacture or release of Hazardous Materials in, on, or about the Project. Tenant shall be strictly liable to Landlord for Tenant Parties' transportation, storage, use, generation, manufacturing, disposal, or release of Hazardous Materials at the Project without regard to the fault or negligence of any other party. Notwithstanding any notice and cure periods provided herein, Tenant shall promptly commence and diligently pursue its remediation obligations in accordance with this Section. The term "**Environmental Requirements**" means all applicable present and future statutes, regulations, ordinances, rules, codes, judgments, orders, or other similar enactments of any governmental authority or agency regulating or relating to health, safety, or environmental conditions, including the following: the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; and all state and local counterparts thereto, and any regulations or policies promulgated or issued thereunder. The term "**Hazardous Materials**" means any substance, material, waste, pollutant, or contaminant regulated by any Environmental Requirements, asbestos, radioactive materials, and petroleum (including crude oil or any fraction thereof, natural gas liquids, liquefied natural gas, or synthetic gas usable for fuel or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas).

Tenant shall have no liability to Landlord as to Hazardous Materials on the Project which arose prior to Tenant's initial possession of the Premises, or during the Lease Term which were caused or permitted by any party other than Tenant, or Tenant Parties, or for Tenant's disturbance of known existing Hazardous Materials.

Tenant shall indemnify, defend, and hold Landlord Parties harmless from and against any and all losses, claims, demands, actions, suits, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney, fees, punitive damages, and any reduction in the value of the Project) which are brought or recoverable against, or suffered or incurred by Landlord as a result of: (a) any release of Hazardous Materials on, or from, the Project by Tenant Parties, or (b) Tenant Parties', breach of, or noncompliance with, this Section, regardless of whether Tenant had knowledge of such noncompliance. Tenant's obligations under this Section shall survive the Expiration Date or earlier termination of this Lease.

If Landlord's inspection pursuant to Section 19 reveals noncompliance by Tenant, Tenant shall promptly reimburse Landlord for the reasonable cost of such inspection and testing. Landlord's receipt of a 'clean' environmental assessment shall in no way release Tenant from its obligations under this Section or constitute a waiver by Landlord of its rights and remedies herein.

30. Rules and Regulations. Tenant shall comply with all rules and regulations reasonably established by Landlord covering use of the Project. The current rules and regulations are attached hereto as Exhibit B, which may be supplemented from time to time. Landlord shall not have any liability or obligation for the breach of any rules or regulations by other tenants in the Project.

31. Force Majeure. Neither Landlord nor Tenant shall be responsible for delays in the performance of its obligations hereunder caused by labor disputes, acts of God, inability to obtain labor or materials, governmental restrictions or regulations or delay in issuance of permits, enemy or hostile governmental action, civil commotion, casualty, and other causes beyond the reasonable control of Landlord or Tenant, as the case may be (collectively, "**Force Majeure**"); provided Force Majeure shall not apply to monetary obligations.

32. Entire Agreement. This Lease constitutes the entire agreement of Landlord and Tenant with respect to the subject matter hereof. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations, or representations are superseded by this Lease. This Lease may only be amended in writing signed by both parties.

- 33. Severability.** If any clause of this Lease is deemed to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under present or future laws, then it is the intention of the parties that such clause be replaced with a valid clause of similar meaning and that the remainder of this Lease shall not be affected.
- 34. Brokers.** Each party represents and warrants to the other that it has not dealt with any broker or agent in connection with this transaction, other than Landlord Broker and Tenant Broker, if any, set forth in Section 1 of this Lease. Each party agrees to defend, indemnify and hold the other harmless from and against any claims by any other broker or agent claiming a commission or other form of compensation by virtue of having dealt with the indemnifying party with regard to this Lease.
- 35. Miscellaneous.**
- a) TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AS TO THE PERFORMANCE OF TENANT'S AND LANDLORD'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS LEASE.**
 - b)** Any payments or charges due from Tenant to Landlord aside from monthly Base Rent shall be considered additional rent for all purposes of this Lease. Together with Base Rent, additional rent may also be referenced as "rent."
 - c)** All Lease notices shall be in writing and sent to the applicable party as set forth in Section 1 by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or by a reputable national overnight courier service, postage prepaid, or hand delivery. Either party may, upon written notice, change its notice address(es). Notice shall be deemed given upon delivery or refusal of delivery except where otherwise provided herein.
 - d)** Where approval or consent is required of either Landlord or Tenant, such approval or consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed except as otherwise provided herein, or as otherwise required by law.
 - e)** At Landlord's request, Tenant shall furnish Landlord with true and complete copies of its most recent financial statements.
 - f)** Neither this Lease, nor a memorandum of lease, shall be recorded by Tenant.
 - g)** The laws of the state of Nevada shall govern the construction and interpretation of this Lease, without regards to any principles of conflicts of laws. The rule of construction that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Lease or any exhibits or amendments to this Lease.
 - h)** Landlord's submission of this Lease shall not constitute an option to lease the Premises, nor be binding or confer any right or impose any obligations upon either party until execution and delivery of this Lease by both parties.
 - i)** The captions inserted in this Lease are for convenience only and in no way define, limit or otherwise describe the scope, intent, or any provision of this Lease, or in any way affect the interpretation of this Lease.
 - j)** All exhibits and addenda attached hereto are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Lease. In the event of any conflict between such exhibits or addenda and the terms of this Lease, such exhibits or addenda shall control.
 - k)** Any amount not paid by Tenant when due shall bear interest from such due date until paid in full at the highest rate permitted by applicable law, not to exceed 15 percent per year.
 - l)** In the event either party initiates litigation to enforce the terms and provisions of this Lease, the non-prevailing party shall reimburse the prevailing party for its reasonable attorney's fees, filing fees, and court costs. The phrase "prevailing party" includes a party who substantially receives the relief desired whether by dismissal, summary judgment, or otherwise
 - m)** Landlord shall have the right, without Tenant's consent, to place an energy technology installation, such as a solar system, on the roof of the Building, or otherwise at the Project, or to enter into a lease allowing a third party the right to do so; provided the energy technology system does not adversely impact Tenant's use and occupancy of the Premises, or subject Tenant to any additional costs. Tenant waives all rights to any environmental attributes or incentives resulting from an energy technology installation. Tenant hereby waives all rights to, and agrees and acknowledges that Landlord shall retain the exclusive right to the use of the exterior of the Building and Project for any signage purposes, virtual or otherwise except as provided otherwise in this Lease. Landlord may request, and Tenant shall deliver to Landlord, data regarding Tenant's utility usage at the Premises as required by law or to provide, maintain, improve, and keep in good working order the Project. Tenant can satisfy this requirement by either: (a) providing written consent for Landlord to obtain the information directly from the utility company, or (b) providing the data to Landlord in an electronic format reasonably acceptable to Landlord.

n) This Lease may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement. The signature of a party transmitted electronically (e.g., e-signature) or by facsimile, PDF and/or other electronic image file format shall constitute and have the same force and effect as the original signature of the party. Following execution, a PDF (or similar image file format) of this entire agreement (whether signed electronically or in ink) shall be considered to be the original agreement for all purposes.

o) The term “**days**” shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specified, and the term “**including**” shall mean ‘including, but not limited to’.

p) Landlord and Tenant each represents to the other that:

(i) neither it, nor any person or entity that directly owns a 10% or greater equity interest in it nor any of its officers, directors or managing members is a person or entity with whom U.S. persons or entities are restricted from doing business under regulations of the Office of Foreign Asset Control (“**OFAC**”) of the Department of the Treasury, including those parties names on the OFAC’s Specially Designated and Blocked Persons List and those covered pursuant to Executive Order 13224 signed on September 24, 2001, entitled “Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions with Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism), or other governmental action; and

(ii) its activities do not violate the International Money Laundering Abatement and Financial Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001 or USA Patriot Act, or the regulations or orders promulgated thereunder (as amended from time to time).

36. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. TENANT AND LANDLORD WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY OR TO HAVE A JURY PARTICIPATE IN RESOLVING ANY DISPUTE (IN CONTRACT, TORT, OR OTHERWISE), BETWEEN LANDLORD AND TENANT ARISING OUT OF THIS LEASE OR ANY OTHER INSTRUMENT, DOCUMENT, OR AGREEMENT EXECUTED OR DELIVERED IN CONNECTION HERewith OR THE TRANSACTIONS RELATED HERETO.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Landlord and Tenant have executed this Lease as of the Effective Date.

TENANT:

Dragonfly Energy Corporation, a Nevada corporation

By: /s/ Denis Phares

Name: Denis Phares

Title: CEO

LANDLORD:

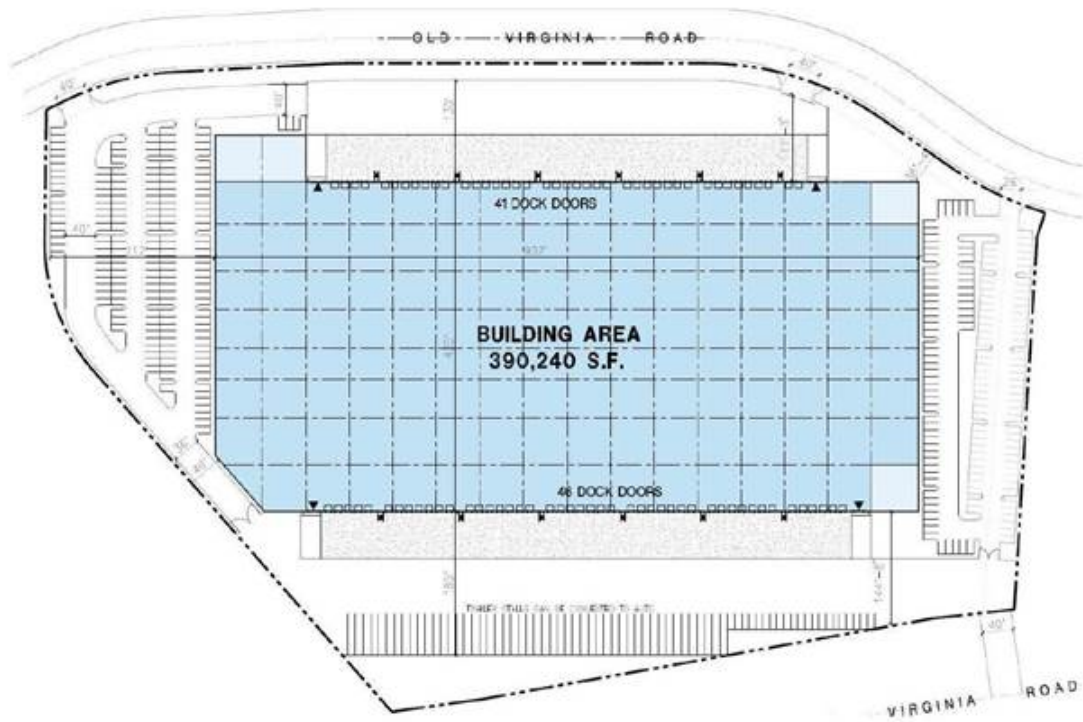
Prologis, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership

By: Prologis, Inc.,
a Maryland corporation,
its general partner

By: Authorized Person

/s/ Megan Creecy-Herman
Megan Creecy-Herman, Vice President of ProLogis Logistics
Services Incorporated, a Delaware corporation

Exhibit A : SITE PLAN



*in for permit/design subject to review by AHJ

Exhibit B: PROJECT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The sidewalk, entries, and driveways of the Project shall not be obstructed by Tenant, or its agents, or used by them for any purpose other than ingress and egress to and from the Premises.
2. Tenant shall not place any property in the parking areas, landscaped areas, or other areas outside of its Premises, or on the roof of the Building.
3. No animals shall be allowed in the Building except for service dogs.
4. Tenant shall not install or operate any steam or gas boiler. The use of oil, gasoline or flammable liquids for heating, lighting is expressly prohibited. Explosives or other articles deemed extra hazardous shall not be brought into the Project.
5. Parking any type of recreational vehicles or boats is specifically prohibited at the Project. Parking any cars or trucks inside of the Building is specifically prohibited. In no event shall any inoperable vehicles be parked at the Project nor shall any "For Sale" sign be displayed for any vehicle. No repair, maintenance or washing of vehicles shall take place on the Project. All vehicles shall be parked in designated parking areas in conformity with all signs and other markings. In the event of a failure to comply with any of the parking requirements in this Lease (a "**Parking Default**") which continues for more than 3 days from Landlord's demand to cease such Parking Default, Landlord may, in addition to any other rights, cause the non-compliant vehicles to be towed at Tenant's cost without liability to Landlord, and Landlord may hire a parking management company to enforce these parking terms, and Tenant shall reimburse Landlord for all costs incurred with respect to such Parking Default no later than thirty (30) days from receipt of an invoice for such amount.
6. Tenant shall maintain the Premises free from rodents, insects and other pests.
7. Landlord reserves the right (but not the obligation) to exclude or expel from the Project any person who is intoxicated or under the influence of liquor or drugs, or should harass or threaten, verbally or physically Landlord's employees, contractors, other occupants, or who otherwise violate the Rules and Regulations.
8. All moveable trash receptacles provided by the trash disposal firm for the Premises must be kept closed at all times and in the designated trash enclosure areas.
9. The Premises shall not be used for lodging, sleeping or cooking (other than kitchenette or break room use) or for any immoral or illegal purposes. No gaming devices shall be operated in the Premises.
10. Tenant shall not permit recreational or medical marijuana to be grown, sold, dispensed, or consumed on the Premises or Project.
11. Tenant shall not permit smoking in any interior area of the Premises.
12. Prior to accessing the roof of the Building, Tenant shall provide notice to Landlord of the date of such requested access. When accessing the roof of the Building, Tenant shall follow all Legal Requirements, including OSHA requirements, and use all reasonable and appropriate precautions to ensure safety of such Tenant Parties.

Tenant shall not use any part of the Premises to store or in any other way handle firearms, firearms accessories or ammunition.

Exhibit C: NEVADA NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIBILITY

Section 12, captioned "TENANT-MADE ALTERATIONS AND TRADE FIXTURES," is revised to include the following:

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes 108.234(2), Tenant agrees that Landlord's interest in the Premises and the Building shall not be subject to, and shall be immune from, the attachment of any lien arising as a result of the Tenant-Made Alterations, including any improvement, construction, alteration or repair in the Premises by Tenant, if Landlord, within three (3) days after obtaining knowledge of the construction, alteration or repair, or the intended construction, alteration or repair, gives notice that Landlord will not be responsible for the improvement by recording a notice in writing to that effect with the Official Records of Washoe County, Nevada ("Notice of Non-responsibility") in the form of Schedule 1 attached hereto. The Notice of Non-responsibility shall be deemed timely recorded within three (3) days immediately following the effective date of the Lease or by the date of the execution of this Lease by all parties, whichever occurs first. Each Notice of Non-responsibility recorded pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 108.234 shall set forth the information required in Nevada Revised Statutes 108.234(3) and shall be served by personal delivery or by certified mail, return receipt requested (1) upon Tenant within ten (10) days after the date on which the Notice of Non-responsibility is recorded and (2) upon the prime contractor within ten (10) days after the date on which Tenant contracts with the prime contractor for the construction, alteration or repair of the work of improvement.

SCHEDULE 1 TO Exhibit C

NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIBILITY

Recording Requested By
and When Recorded Mail To:

Attn: _____

Assessor Parcel Number:

To whom it may concern:

1. Notice is given that _____, a _____ ("**Landlord**"), whose address is _____, is the owner of real property in _____, _____ County, Nevada, more particularly described on Exhibit 1 to this Notice (the "**Property**").
2. Other persons having an interest in the Property, and the interest of such persons in the Property, are as follows: _____, a _____ ("**Tenant**"), whose address is _____, under that certain Lease dated as of _____, 20__ by and between Landlord and Tenant (the "**Lease**"). Pursuant to the terms of the Lease, Tenant is authorized to and will cause a work of improvement to be constructed, altered or repaired on the Property.
3. The location of the improvement is _____ and the legal description of the property on which the improvement is or will be constructed, altered or repaired is the Property.
4. Landlord knew of the intended improvements on the Property by Tenant (the "**Project**") at the execution of the Lease.
5. Three days have not elapsed since execution of the Lease by all parties.
6. Landlord will not be responsible for the Project or for any labor or materials that have been, are being, or may in the future be, furnished or supplied to the Property with respect to the Project.
7. Landlord has notified Tenant in writing that Tenant must comply with the requirements of Nevada Revised Statutes 108.2403.

This Notice is given pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 108.234(2) and (3).

Dated: _____, 20__.

LANDLORD:

a _____

By: _____

STATE OF _____)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____, 20____, by _____, as _____ of _____, a _____.

(Signature of Notarial officer)

(My commission expires_____)

Exhibit D: ONE RENEWAL OPTION AT MARKET (CLEAR LEASE)

(a) Provided that as of the time of the giving of the First Extension Notice and the Commencement Date of the First Extension Term (as such terms are defined below), (x) Tenant is the Tenant originally named herein, (y) Tenant actually occupies all of the Premises initially demised under this Lease and any space added to the Premises, and (z) no Event of Default exists, or would exist but for the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both; then Tenant shall have the right to extend the Lease Term for an additional term of 60 months (such additional term is hereinafter called the "First Extension Term") commencing on the day following the expiration of the Lease Term (hereinafter referred to as the "Commencement Date of the First Extension Term"). Tenant must give Landlord notice (hereinafter called the "First Extension Notice") of its election to extend the term of the Lease Term at least 9 months, but not more than 12 months, prior to the Expiration Date.

(b) The Base Rent payable by Tenant to Landlord during the First Extension Term shall be the greater of:

(i) the Base Rent in effect on the Expiration Date (if the Base Rent is stated as an annual or other periodic rate, adjusted for the length of the Lease Term), and

(ii) the Fair Market Rent, as defined and determined pursuant to Sections (c) and (d) below.

(c) The term "Fair Market Rent" shall mean the Base Rent, expressed as an annual rent per square foot of floor area, which Landlord would have received from leasing the Premises for the First Extension Term to an unaffiliated person which is not then a tenant in the Project, assuming that such space were to be delivered in "as-is" condition, and taking into account the rental which such other tenant would most likely have paid for such premises, including market escalations, provided that Fair Market Rent shall not in any event be less than the Base Rent for the Premises as of the expiration of the Lease Term. Fair Market Rent shall not be reduced by reason of any costs or expenses saved by Landlord by reason of Landlord's not having to find a new tenant for the Premises (including without limitation brokerage commissions, cost of improvements necessary to prepare the space for such tenant's occupancy, rent concession, or lost rental income during any vacancy period). Fair Market Rent means only the rent component defined as Base Rent in the Lease and does not include reimbursements and payments by Tenant to Landlord with respect to Monthly FOE, Taxes, or other items payable or reimbursable by Tenant under the Lease. In addition to its obligation to pay Base Rent (as determined herein), Tenant shall continue to pay and reimburse Landlord as set forth in the Lease with respect to such Monthly FOE (subject to be increased by Landlord), Taxes, and other items with respect to the Premises during the First Extension Term.

(d) Landlord shall notify Tenant of its determination of the Fair Market Rent for the First Extension Term, along with the Monthly FOE and the Annual FOE Increase, as determined in Landlord's sole but reasonable determination, applicable to the First Extension Term (the "Fair Market Rent Notice"), and Tenant shall deliver written notice to Landlord within 10 days of receipt of the Fair Market Rent Notice of any objection to the Fair Market Rent Notice. Failure to respond within the 10-day period shall constitute Tenant's acceptance of such Fair Market Rent, Monthly FOE, and the Annual FOE Increase. If Tenant objects to the Fair Market Rent as provided in the Fair Market Rent Notice as provided above, Landlord and Tenant shall commence negotiations to attempt to agree upon the Fair Market Rent within 30 days of Landlord's receipt of Tenant's notice. In the event Landlord and Tenant fail to reach an agreement on such Fair Market Rental Rent, and execute the Amendment (defined below) which provides for the Fair Market Rent, as well as the Monthly FOE, and Annual FOE Increase as provided by Landlord at least 6 months prior to the expiration of the Lease, then Tenant's exercise of the renewal option shall be deemed withdrawn and the Lease shall terminate on the Expiration Date. The negotiation of the Fair Market Rent as provided above shall be limited to the determination of the Base Rent and shall not affect or otherwise reduce or modify the Tenant's obligation to pay or reimburse Landlord for the Monthly FOE, Taxes, or any other reimbursable items.

(e) Except for the Base Rent, Monthly FOE, and Annual FOE Increase, Tenant's occupancy of the Premises during the First Extension Term shall be on the same terms and conditions as are in effect immediately prior to the expiration of the initial Lease Term; provided, however, Tenant shall have no further right to extend the Lease Term pursuant to this exhibit or to any allowances, credits or abatements or options to expand, contract, renew or extend the Lease.

(f) If Tenant does not send the First Extension Notice within the period set forth in Section (a), Tenant's right to extend the Lease Term shall automatically terminate. Time is of the essence as to the giving of the First Extension Notice and the notice of Tenant's objection under Section (d).

(g) Landlord shall have no obligation to refurbish or otherwise improve the Premises for the First Extension Term. The Premises shall be tendered on the Commencement Date of the First Extension Term in "as-is" condition.

(h) If the Lease is extended for the First Extension Term, then Landlord shall prepare and Tenant shall execute an amendment to the Lease confirming the extension of the Lease Term, the Base Rent, the Monthly FOE, and the Annual FOE Increase applicable to the First Extension Term, and the other provisions applicable thereto (the "Amendment").

(i) If Tenant exercises its right to extend the term of the Lease for the First Extension Term pursuant to this Exhibit, the term "Lease Term" as used in the Lease, shall be construed to include, when practicable, the First Extension Term except as provided in (e) above.

EXHIBIT E: STORAGE AND USE OF PERMITTED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1. **Permitted Hazardous Materials and Use.** Tenant has requested Landlord's consent to Use (hereinafter defined) the Hazardous Materials listed below in its business at the Project (the "Permitted Hazardous Materials"). Subject to the conditions set forth on Schedule 1 to Exhibit E, Landlord hereby consents to the Use of the Permitted Hazardous Materials subject to the terms of this Exhibit. Any Use of the Permitted Hazardous Materials in, on, or about the Project shall be done in a manner consistent with good engineering practice and in compliance with all Environmental Requirements.

Permitted Hazardous Materials (including maximum quantities):

30 containers holding 6 million cells (which is 600 pallets worth).

Use. The generation, receipt, maintenance, treatment, manufacturing, storage, use, process, transportation, or disposal (the "Use") involving the Permitted Hazardous Materials are further described below [If limited to receiving and storage, so specify]:

Storage and assembly of the Permitted Hazardous Materials.

2. **No Current Investigation.** Tenant represents and warrants that it is not currently subject to an inquiry, regulatory investigation, enforcement order, or any other proceeding regarding the generation, use, treatment, storage, or disposal of a Hazardous Material.

3. **Indemnification.** Tenant's indemnity obligation under the Lease with respect to Hazardous Materials shall include indemnification for Tenant, or any Tenant Parties', Use of Hazardous Materials, or Tenant's breach of obligations or representations set forth herein. Tenant shall be strictly liable to Landlord as a result of Tenant or any Tenant Parties' Use of Hazardous Materials without regard to the fault or negligence of any other party.

4. **Disposal Upon Lease Termination.** At the expiration or earlier termination of the Lease Term, Tenant, at its sole cost and expense, shall, in strict compliance with all applicable Environmental Requirements: (i) remove and dispose of any drums, containers, receptacles, structures, or tanks storing or containing (or which have stored or contained) Hazardous Materials and the contents thereof; (ii) remove, empty, and purge all underground and above ground storage tank systems, including connected piping, of all vapors, liquids, sludges, and residues; (iii) close out any permits, registrations, business plans, etc. with the relevant authorities; and (iv) complete the decontamination of any ventilation systems, structural elements, flooring, and other elements of the Project affected by such Use of Hazardous Materials. Tenant's obligations under this Paragraph shall survive any expiration or termination of this Lease.

**SCHEDULE 1 TO EXHIBIT E: CONDITIONS FOR LANDLORD'S CONSENT TO USE OF PERMITTED
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

At Tenant's sole cost and expense, and as material pre-conditions to Landlord's consent to Tenant's Use of Permitted Hazardous Materials, Tenant shall comply with the following requirements:

A. Storage requirements:

1. Racks cannot be greater than 20 ft deep (no limit on length;
2. Transverse and longitudinal flues need to be provided every 5 feet;
3. No solid shelves;
4. No open top containers; and
5. No Expanded Exposed Plastics (as such term is generally understood in the industry).

B. Any cell manufacturing dry manufacturing and storage areas shall have the following additional specifications:

1. Ceiling sprinkler protection needs to be extended into any and all rooms containing Permitted Hazardous Materials; and
2. If, in Tenant's sole determination, water damage is a concern then Tenant shall use one of the following options:
 - a. Tenant shall install a double interlock pre-action sprinkler system; or
 - b. A Novec fire suppression system with a connected reserve.

C. All areas of the Building in excess of 30 vertical feet shall utilize K22 or K25 ESFR sprinklers in compliance with NFPA 13 (2022 Edition).