Lavoro announces the acquisition of Cromo Química

The transaction aims to strengthen of Crop Care's position in the highperformance adjuvants and agricultural enhancers market. Crop Care, a subsidiary of Lavoro and a major supplier of biological inputs, special fertilizers, and post-patent agrochemicals in Brazil, will be conducting the transaction.

São Paulo, Brazil (Jan. 27, 2023) – Lavoro, Brazil's largest agricultural input retailer, continues its expansion in Latin America with the acquisition of a majority stake of Cromo Química, based in Estrela, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.

The acquisition will put Cromo Química within the expanding portfolio of Crop Care, Lavoro's vertically integrated business segment, which operates with biological inputs, specialty fertilizers and off-patent crop protection products. The acquisition is subject to regulatory approval and completion of other conditions precedent.

Founded in 2018 by Josir Neuls and Fábio Queiroz, Cromo Química specializes in the production of high-performance adjuvants and enhancers for agriculture, focusing on soybean, corn, cotton, and winter crops. The company has a strong presence in the South and Midwest regions of Brazil.

According to Ruy Cunha, CEO of Lavoro, this association strengthens Crop Care's participation in the market for high-performance adjuvants and agricultural enhancers. "The priority will be to keep expanding Crop Care's current distributors and cooperatives, and to improve the company's access to farmers in the North and Northeast regions of Brazil," Cunha said.

"We expect that partnering with Latin America's largest ag inputs retailer will foster our growth. With this alliance, we have a clear vision of our expansion plan for the coming years, with new product launches, governance structuring, and market access," said Josir Neuls, Cromo Química's CEO. The transaction is aligned with the strategy to expand Lavoro's offer of sustainable solutions, which includes biological pesticides, post-patent agrochemicals, and specialty products.

Cromo Química currently has over 40 products in its portfolio. We believe that its high-performance adjuvants promote better use of agrochemicals and biologicals sprayed on crops, generating greater yields, and boosting farmer productivity. In addition, all products are sustainable, mitigating environmental impacts.

One of Crop Care's priorities for the coming years is to expand its production and sales capacity. "We expect to invest in strengthening the sales force of Cromo Química, back-office areas, and especially research and development. The future of agriculture lies in safe technologies that value the environmental agenda and respect the legislation, without leaving aside the profitability of the farmer," said Marcelo Pessanha, CEO of Crop Care.

In fiscal year 21/22, the subsidiaries of Crop Care delivered, together, approximately R\$ 438.6 million in revenue. Agrobiológica Sustentabilidade alone reached a total of over 11 million hectares treated with its products in Brazil.

Lavoro and TPB: a shared vision for global food security

Lavoro announced in September 2022 its intent to become the first US-listed pure-play Latin American agricultural inputs retailer through a business combination with The Production Board's ("TPB") Special Purpose Acquisition Company, TPB Acquisition Corporation I ("TPB Acquisition Corp").

The transaction aims to bring together The Production Board's agriculture technology expertise and Lavoro's portfolio of businesses and market penetration to help transform Latin America into a global breadbasket, improving global food security and sustainability. The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of 2023, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions (including the approval of the shareholders of TPB Acquisition Corp.). A new US publicly-listed entity is expected to be listed on the Nasdaq under the ticker symbol "LVRO." Upon listing, Lavoro will become the first US-listed pure-play Latin American agricultural inputs retailer.

About Lavoro

Lavoro is the largest distributor of agricultural inputs in Brazil and one of the main suppliers of agricultural biological inputs in the region. Through a complete portfolio, Lavoro empowers farmers to adopt innovative technologies and boost productivity. Founded in 2017, the company has a wide geographic presence, operating in Brazil and Colombia, and with an initial-stage trading company in Uruguay. Lavoro's 924 technical sales representatives meet several times a year with over 60,000 customers on their farms and in the company's 193 stores, with the aim of helping them plan and acquire the right inputs, in addition to contributing to the management of their agricultural operations to optimize results. Learn more about Lavoro at <u>www.lavoroagro.com</u>

About The Production Board

Founded by David Friedberg, The Production Board is a venture foundry and investment holding company established to solve the most fundamental problems that affect our planet by reimagining global systems of production across food, agriculture, biomanufacturing, human health, and the broader life sciences. TPB builds businesses based on emerging scientific discoveries, partners with exceptional talent, and provides them with the capital, infrastructure and market insights needed to deliver meaningful improvement in the cost, energy, time, or carbon footprint of conventional systems. TPB is backed by leading strategic and financial investors, including Alphabet, Allen & Company LLC, Cascade, and funds and accounts managed by BlackRock, Baillie Gifford, Koch Disruptive Technologies, Counterpoint Global (Morgan Stanley), Foxhaven Asset Management, and Arrowmark Partners. Learn more about our work at <u>www.tpb.co</u>.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

The proposed business combination will be submitted to shareholders of TPB Acquisition Corp. for their consideration. Lavoro has filed a registration statement on Form F-4 ("the Registration Statement"), which includes a preliminary proxy statement to be distributed to TPB Acquisition Corp.'s shareholders in connection with TPB Acquisition Corp.'s solicitation for proxies for the vote by TPB Acquisition Corp.'s shareholders in connection with the proposed business combination and other matters as described in the Registration Statement, as well as the prospectus relating to the offer of the securities to be issued in connection with the completion of the proposed business combination. TPB Acquisition Corp.'s shareholders and other interested persons are advised to read the preliminary proxy statement / prospectus and any amendments thereto and, once available, the definitive proxy statement / prospectus, in connection with TPB Acquisition Corp.'s solicitation of proxies for its special meeting of shareholders to be held to approve, among other things, the proposed business combination, because these documents contain important information about TPB Acquisition Corp., Lavoro and the proposed business combination. Shareholders may also obtain a copy of the preliminary or definitive proxy statement, once available, as well as other documents filed with the SEC regarding the proposed business combination and other documents filed with the SEC by SPAC, without charge, at the SEC's website located at www.sec.gov or by directing a written request to: TPB Acquisition Corporation I, 1 Letterman Drive, Suite A3-1, San Francisco, CA 94129.

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TPB Acquisition Corp., Lavoro and their directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from TPB Acquisition Corp.'s shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. A list of the names of the directors and executive officers of TPB Acquisition Corp. and Lavoro and information regarding their interests in the proposed business combination is set forth in the Registration Statement. You may obtain free copies of these documents as described in the preceding paragraph.

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