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**FORM 10-K**

**Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019**

or

**Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Commission File No. 000-19621**

**JANONE INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**41-1454591**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**325 E. Warm Springs Road, Las Vegas, Nevada**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**89119**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **702-997-5968**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Common Stock, \$0.001 par value**

Title of each class

**JAN**

Trading Symbol(s)

**NASDAQ Capital Market**

Name of each exchange on which registered

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files).  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

If any emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).  Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates, based on the closing sales price of such stock on June 29, 2019 was \$7,153,000.

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock as of March 19, 2020 was 1,993,578.

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## PART I

### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

#### General

As of September 10, 2019, JanOne Inc. (formerly known as Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.) and subsidiaries (collectively, “we,” the “Company,” or “JanOne”) broadened its business perspectives to being a pharmaceutical company focused on finding treatments for conditions that cause severe pain and bringing to market drugs with non-addictive pain-relieving properties. The Company aims to reduce prescriptions for dangerous opioid drugs by treating underlying diseases that cause severe pain. Our first drug candidate is a treatment for Peripheral Arterial Disease (“PAD”), a condition that can cause severe pain and affects over 8.5 million people in the U.S. alone. In addition, we continue to operate our legacy businesses, ARCA Recycling, Inc. (“ARCA Recycling”), in our Recycling segment, and GeoTraq Inc. (“GeoTraq”), in our Technology segment. ARCA Recycling recycles major household appliances in North America by providing turnkey appliance recycling and replacement services for utilities and other sponsors of energy efficiency programs. GeoTraq is engaged in the development, design and, ultimately, we expect the sale of, cellular transceiver modules and associated wireless services.

Prior to December 30, 2017, we sold new and out-of-the-box major household appliances in the United States through a chain of Company-owned retail stores operating under the name ApplianceSmart®. On December 30, 2017, we, together with our then subsidiary ApplianceSmart, Inc. (“ApplianceSmart”), entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (the “Stock Purchase Agreement”) with ApplianceSmart Holdings LLC (the “Purchaser”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Live Ventures Incorporated (“Live”), pursuant to which we sold to the Purchaser all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of ApplianceSmart (the “ApplianceSmart Stock”) in exchange for \$6.5 million. Effective April 1, 2018, the Purchaser issued the Company a promissory note (the “ApplianceSmart Note”) with a three-year term in the original principal amount of \$3.9 million for the balance of the purchase price. ApplianceSmart is guaranteeing the repayment of the ApplianceSmart Note. On December 26, 2018, the ApplianceSmart Note was amended and restated to grant ARCA a security interest in the assets of the Purchaser, ApplianceSmart, and ApplianceSmart Contracting Inc. in exchange for modifying the repayment terms to provide for the payment in full of all accrued interest and principal on April 1, 2021, the maturity date of the ApplianceSmart Note. On March 15, 2019, the Company entered into subordination agreements with third parties pursuant to which it agreed to subordinate the payment of indebtedness under the ApplianceSmart Note and the Company’s security interest in the assets of ApplianceSmart and other related parties in exchange for up to \$1.2 million payable within 15 days of the agreement. On December 9, 2019, ApplianceSmart filed a voluntary petition (the “Chapter 11 Case”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Bankruptcy Court”) seeking relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”). As of December 28, 2019, indebtedness owed by ApplianceSmart to JanOne is approximately \$2.9 million. However, the Company has recorded a full valuation allowance for the entire amount of the indebtedness due to the uncertainty of repayment.

We were incorporated in Minnesota in 1983, although through our predecessors we began our appliance retail and recycling business in 1976. On March 12, 2018, we reincorporated into the State of Nevada. Our principal office is located at 325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 102, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

#### *Biotechnology*

On September 10, 2019, the Company changed its name from Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. to JanOne Inc. and announced that it intended to broaden its business perspectives to include developing new and highly innovative solutions for ending the opioid epidemic. From digital technologies to educational advocacy to revolutionary painkilling drugs that address a multibillion dollar a year market, the company intends to champion new initiatives to combat the opioid crisis, which claims tens of thousands of lives each year. The new name, JanOne, was strategically chosen to express the start of a “new day” in the fight against the opioid epidemic. January First is the first day of a New Year—a day of optimism, resolution, and hope. JanOne affirms the company’s new strategic commitment to fresh thinking and innovative means to assist in ending the worst drug crisis in our nation’s history. The Company also adopted a new Nasdaq ticker symbol, NASDAQ:JAN, a new CUSIP number, 03814F403, and a new web address – JanOne.com. On September 12, 2019, the Company announced Eric Bolling as its new President.

On November 1, 2019, the Company signed a licensing agreement for TV1001SR, a treatment for Peripheral Artery Disease, commonly called PAD. The agreement with LSU Health Shreveport, UAB Research Foundation, and TheraVasc, Inc., gives JanOne a worldwide, exclusive license for TV1001SR along with a portfolio of 30 patents and other intellectual property relating to the sustained release of sodium nitrite. The company anticipates TV1001SR will be a groundbreaking treatment for those with PAD, an often painful disease affecting more than 200 million people worldwide and 8.5 million people in the United States. There is no known efficacious single-drug treatment for PAD available. Current treatments only mitigate the effects of PAD without treating the underlying cause – reduced ischemic tissue blood flow, which is a lack of blood flow to the extremities, and often leads to significant pain. As a result, according to a recent Stanford University study, nearly 25% of patients with PAD are at increased risk of high opioid use. TV1001SR was invented by Dr. Christopher Kevil, Professor of Pathology, Molecular and Cellular Physiology, and Cell Biology and Anatomy at LSU Health Shreveport. In initial research studies, the drug effectively restored ischemic tissue blood flow and was effective in a wide range of pathologies involving alterations of angiogenesis - development of new blood vessels - including diabetes, wound healing and tissue necrosis. Beneficial effects included enhancing angiogenesis, endothelial cell proliferation, and arteriogenesis. As a result of TV1001SR's promising clinical trial history, JanOne intends to begin planning a Phase 2b clinical protocol for PAD with an expectation to commence Phase 2b trials by the second half of 2020. In addition, the company intends to apply for the secondary indication of PAD-associated pain as part of its Phase 2b trials. To streamline development and approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA"), the Company expects to pursue FDA 505(b)(2) pathway for new drug approval, due to an already approved agent associated with TV1001SR.

The Company believes that PAD affects over 8.5 million people in the United States and there are currently no direct treatments for PAD on the market today. Research Market Future Reports ("MRFR") values the PAD market at \$3.47 billion in the United States by 2023.

On February 5, 2020, the Company executed a manufacturing agreement with CoreRx Inc. for the formulation and manufacturing of TV1001SR, a treatment for PAD). CoreRx is a contract development manufacturing organization (CDMO) established in 2006. The company operates over 150,000 square feet of cGMP lab and manufacturing facilities, including six formulation suites, 18 manufacturing suites, and two analytical labs. The company began by specializing in clinical drug development and now has established itself as a leading commercial-scale pharma manufacturer. CoreRx has worked closely with leading pharma and bioscience players through FDA approval and commercialization for a wide range of drug formulations affecting millions of patient lives.

Our Biotechnology segment has not generated any revenue to date, including in the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019.

### *Recycling*

We started our business in 1976 as a used appliance retailer that reconditioned old appliances to sell in our stores. Under contracts with national and regional retailers of new appliances, such as Sears and Montgomery Ward, we collected the replaced appliance from the retailer's customer's residence when one of their stores delivered a new appliance in the Minneapolis/St. Paul, Miami or Atlanta market. Any old appliances that we could not sell in our stores were sold to scrap metal processors. In the late 1980s, stricter environmental regulations began to affect the disposal of unwanted appliances and we were no longer able to take appliances that contained hazardous components to a scrap metal processor. At that time, we began to develop systems and equipment to remove the harmful materials so that metal processors would accept the appliance shells for processing. We then offered our services for disposing of appliances in an environmentally sound manner to appliance manufacturers and retailers, waste hauling companies, rental property managers, local governments, and the public.

In 1989, we began contracting with electric utility companies to provide turnkey appliance recycling services to support their energy conservation efforts. Since that time, we have provided our services to approximately 400 utilities and other providers of energy efficiency programs throughout North America.

We currently have contracts to recycle, or to replace and recycle, appliances for approximately 180 utilities across North America.

We have seen continued interest from sponsors of energy efficiency initiatives that recognize the effectiveness of recycling and replacing energy inefficient appliances. We are aggressively pursuing electric, water and gas utilities, public housing authorities, and energy efficiency management companies going forward and expect that we will continue to submit proposals for various new appliance recycling and replacement programs accordingly. However, for a variety of reasons, we still have a limited ability to project revenues from utility programs. We cannot predict recycling volumes or if we will be successful in obtaining new contracts in the next fiscal year.

We operate 13 recycling centers in the U.S. and Canada to process and recycle old appliances according to all federal, state, provincial, and local rules and regulations. ARCA uses U.S. EPA RAD-compliant methods to remove and properly manage hazardous components and materials, including CFC refrigerants, mercury, polyurethane foam insulation and recyclable materials, such as ferrous and nonferrous metals, plastics and glass. All of our facilities comply with licensing and permitting requirements, and employees who process appliances receive extensive safety and hazardous materials training.

Major household appliances in the United States include:

Refrigerators	Clothes washers
Freezers	Clothes dryers
Ranges/ovens	Room air conditioners
Dishwashers	Dehumidifiers
Microwave ovens	Humidifiers

Improper disposal of old appliances threatens air, ground and water resources because many types of major appliances contain substances that can damage the environment. These harmful materials include:

1. Mercury, which easily enters the body through absorption, inhalation or ingestion, potentially causing neurological damage. Mercury-containing components may be found in freezers, washers and ranges.
2. Chlorofluorocarbon (“CFC”), hydrochlorofluorocarbon, and hydrofluorocarbon refrigerants (collectively, “Refrigerants”), which cause long-term damage to the earth’s ozone layer and may contribute to global climate change. Refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners and dehumidifiers commonly contain Refrigerants.
3. CFCs having a very high ozone-depletion potential that may also be used as blowing agents in the polyurethane foam insulation of refrigerators and freezers.
4. Other materials, such as oil, that are harmful when released into the environment.

The U.S. federal government requires the recovery of Refrigerants upon appliance disposal and also regulates the management of hazardous materials found in appliances. Most state and local governments have also enacted laws affecting how their residents dispose of unwanted appliances. For example, many areas restrict landfills and scrap metal processors from accepting appliances unless the units have been processed to remove environmentally harmful materials. As a result, old appliances usually cannot be discarded directly through ordinary solid waste systems.

In addition to these solid waste management and environmental issues, energy conservation is another compelling reason for proper disposal of old appliances. The U.S. Department of Energy’s updated appliance energy efficiency standards that took effect in September 2014 require new refrigerators to be 25 to 30 percent more efficient than those manufactured only one year earlier. Refrigerators manufactured today use about one-fifth as much electricity as units made in the mid-1970s.

While new refrigerators can save a significant amount of energy in the home, more than 30 percent of all U.S. households have a second refrigerator in the basement or garage. These units are typically 15-25 years old and consume about 750 to 1500 kilowatt-hours per year, driving electric bills up by more than \$150 annually per household.

Utilities have become important participants in dealing with energy inefficient appliances as a way of reducing peak demand on their systems and avoiding the capital and environmental costs of adding new generating capacity. To encourage the permanent removal of energy inefficient appliances from use, many electric utility companies sponsor programs through which their residential customers can retire working refrigerators, freezers, and room air conditioners. Utility companies often provide assistance and incentives for consumers to discontinue use of a surplus appliance or to replace their old, inefficient appliances with newer, more efficient models. To help accomplish this, some utilities offer appliance replacement programs for some segments of their customers, through which older model kitchen and laundry appliances are recycled and new highly efficient ENERGY STAR® units are installed.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the “EPA”) has been supportive of efforts by electric utilities and other entities that sponsor appliance recycling programs to ensure that the collected units are managed in an environmentally sound manner. In October 2006, the EPA launched the Responsible Appliance Disposal (“RAD”) Program, a voluntary partnership program designed to help protect the ozone layer and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. Through the program, RAD partners use best practices to recover ozone-depleting chemicals and other harmful materials from old refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners and dehumidifiers. Because of our appliance recycling expertise, we were active participants in helping to design the RAD program and currently submit annual reports to the EPA to document the environmental benefits our utility customers that are RAD partners have achieved through their recycling programs.

In October 2009, we entered into a Joint Venture Agreement (the “Joint Venture Agreement”) with 4301 Operations, LLC (“4301”) to establish and operate a regional processing center (“RPC”). At the time of the formation of this joint venture, we believed that 4301 had significant experience in the recycling of major household appliances and, in connection therewith, they contributed their then existing business and equipment to the joint venture. Under the Joint Venture Agreement, the parties formed a new entity known as ARCA Advanced Processing, LLC (“AAP”) in which each party had a 50% interest. In connection with the formation of the joint venture, we contributed \$2.0 million to the joint venture. The joint venture commenced operations on February 8, 2010. On August 15, 2017, ARCA entered into an Equity Purchase Agreement with 4301 and sold its 50% joint venture interest in AAP to 4301 in consideration of \$800,000 in cash. The gain recorded by ARCA was \$81,000. On the same date and in a separate related transaction, ARCA entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Recleim PA, LLC, and the other parties thereto. Under the agreement, ARCA agreed to license certain intellectual property under patent No. 8,931,289 to Recleim PA, LLC for use at 4301 North Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, PA or any successor facility within 15 miles where Recleim PA, LLC conducts business. On August 15, 2017 Recleim PA, LLC (1) paid in full all AAP indebtedness owed to BB&T Bank in the amount of \$3,454,000, (2) terminated and released all security interests in AAP and ARCA’s equipment as part of Recleim PA LLC’s purchase of certain equipment and assets from AAP on the same date, and, (3) Recleim PA LLC assumed approximately \$768,000 in AAP liabilities and all of ARCA’s liabilities to Haier US Appliance Solutions, Inc., dba GE Appliances (“GEA”).

Our wholly-owned subsidiaries in our Recycling segment include, ARCA Canada Inc., a Canadian corporation, formed in September 2006, ARCA Recycling, Inc., a California corporation, formed in November 1991, and Customer Connexx, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company formed in October 2016, which provides call center services for recycling business.

#### *Technology*

On August 18, 2017, in a move to diversify our offering beyond our then current appliance recycling capabilities, the Company acquired GeoTraq by way of merger. As a result of this transaction, GeoTraq became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. In connection with this transaction, the Company tendered to the owners of GeoTraq \$200,000, issued to them an aggregate of 288,588 shares of the Company’s Series A Convertible Preferred Stock valued at \$14,963,288 inclusive of the beneficial conversion feature, and entered into one-year unsecured promissory notes for an aggregate original principal amount of \$800,000. These unsecured promissory notes have been repaid in full. In addition, there was \$10,133,366 deferred tax liability associated with the purchase of the intangible assets of GeoTraq. The total value of the intangible assets purchased was \$26,096,654 including the deferred tax liability. See “Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Shareholder Matters – Beneficial Ownership of Series A Preferred Stock.”

GeoTraq is a Mobile Internet of Things (“IoT”) technology company that designs innovative wireless modules that provide Location Based Services (“LBS”) and connect external sensors to the IoT. GeoTraq is planning to manufacture and sell wireless transceiver modules and subscription services that will allow connectivity using publicly available global Mobile IoT networks. GeoTraq addresses the large LBS market segment that is currently under served with existing solutions due to high deployment costs (hardware, service, logistics), limited battery life and large form factor. We believe that there is a large under-served portion of the LBS market that is not addressed by existing solutions. RFID and Wi-Fi require close proximity for asset tracking, while GPS is too bulky and power hungry for many needs. GeoTraq addresses the white space in-between by designing wireless transceiver modules with technology that provides LBS directly from global Mobile IoT networks. GeoTraq’s technology allows for a substantially lower cost solution, extended service life, a small form factor and even disposable devices, which we believe can significantly reduce return logistics costs.

GeoTraq applied for and was granted PatentNo. 10,182,402 which covers various aspects of operation of their Mobile IoT wireless modules. A description of the patent features include:

1. An apparatus comprising: an interval timer; a power control; a Short Message Service (SMS) packetizer; a geo-locator; a radio frequency (RF) communicator; and a controller and a memory, the memory comprising instructions for the controller to operate the interval timer cooperatively with the power control to cause a transition of the geo-locator from a sleep state to a wake state after a preset defined time interval, and to operate the geo-locator to receive signal strength levels and corresponding cell ids from a plurality of cellular base stations, and to operate the SMS packetizer to package the signal strength levels and the corresponding cell IDs into a first outgoing SMS message, and to communicate the first outgoing SMS message to a preset address using the RF communicator.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising: a subscriber identity module (SIM); and the memory further comprising instructions to block visibility to the SIM by the geo-locator for a limited duration after the transition of the geo-locator from the sleep state to the wake state after the defined time interval.
3. The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising: the memory further comprising instructions to override a preset floor on the signal strength levels during the limited duration after the transition of the geo-locator from the sleep state to the wake state after the defined time interval.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising: the memory further comprising instructions to operate the SMS packetizer to package the signal strength levels with the corresponding cell IDs.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising: the memory further comprising instructions to receive a command SMS message via the RF communicator; a parser to extract a time interval command from the received command SMS message; and the memory further comprising instructions to apply the time interval command to the interval timer to set the defined time interval.
6. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising: the memory further comprising instructions to receive a response SMS message via the RF communicator, the response SMS message being a response to the first outgoing SMS message; a parser to extract geo-locations for cell IDs from the response SMS message; and the memory further comprising instructions to associate the geo-locations for each of the cell IDs from the response message with corresponding cell IDs in the memory.
7. A method comprising: applying an interval timer to a power control to control power for a subscriber identify module (SIM), a Short Message Service (SMS) packetizer, a geo-locator, and a radio frequency (RF) communicator after a preset defined time interval; operating the interval timer cooperatively with the power control to cause a transition of the geo-locator from a sleep state to a wake state after the defined time interval; operating the geo-locator to receive signal strength levels and corresponding cell ids from a plurality of cellular base stations; operating the SMS packetizer to package the signal strength levels and the corresponding cell IDs into an outgoing SMS message; and communicating the outgoing SMS message to a preset address using the RF communicator.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising: blocking visibility to the SIM by the geo-locator for a limited duration after the transition.
9. The method of claim 8, further comprising: overriding a preset floor on the signal strength levels during the limited duration after the transition.
10. The method of claim 7, further comprising: receiving a command SMS message via the RF communicator; extracting a time interval command from the command SMS message; and applying the time interval command to the interval timer to set the defined time interval.
11. The method of claim 7, further comprising: receiving a response SMS message via the RF communicator in response to the outgoing SMS message; extracting geo-locations for cell IDs from the response SMS message; and associating the geo-locations for each of the cell ids from the response SMS message with corresponding cell IDs in a memory.

With the GeoTraq acquisition, we expect to have the ability to deploy IoT devices to locate, monitor and track the movement of inventory and other assets and monitor connected sensors.

We believe that there is a large under-served portion of the LBS market that is not addressed by existing solutions. RFID and Wi-Fi require close proximity for asset tracking, while GPS is too bulky and power hungry for many needs. GeoTraq addresses the white space in-between by designing wireless transceiver modules with technology that provides LBS directly from global Mobile IoT networks. GeoTraq's technology allows for a substantially lower cost solution, extended service life, a small form factor and even disposable devices, which we believe can significantly reduce return logistics costs.

Our GeoTraq subsidiary has not generated any revenue to date, including in the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019.

#### **Recent Developments**

As of the date of this Form 10-K, in an effort to manage its financial position and further preserve financial flexibility and longevity, the Company has temporarily closed its corporate office and call center, and idled all of its recycling processing centers in the United States and Canada. Existing employees are permitted to work from home to the extent that they are able to do so. As of date of this Form 10-K, since January 1, 2020, the Company has laid off 112 of its 208 employees. The Company intends to inform its landlords that it will not pay rent for April 2020 and plans to evaluate whether it will pay rent for future months based on how events surrounding the COVID-19 virus evolve, including government actions, declarations, and other orders, and any other government actions to financially assist businesses such as ARCA Recycling. The Company's recycling business continues to operate and serve its customers on a scaled down basis with on curbside pick up where legally allowed to do so. All of the Company's replacement programs have been temporarily suspended until the Company is authorized to resume the programs by its customers.

#### **Customers and Source of Supply**

*Biotechnology:* Our biotechnology business sources its active pharmaceutical ingredient (the "API") from a third-party pharmaceutical company.

*Recycling:* We contract with utility companies or their program administrators and other sponsors of energy efficiency programs to provide a full range of appliance recycling and replacement services to help them achieve their energy savings goals. The contracts usually have terms of one to three years, with provisions for renewal at the option of the utility. Under some contracts, we manage all aspects, including advertising of the appliance recycling or replacement program. Under other contracts, we provide only specified services, such as collection and recycling.

Our contracts with utility customers prohibit us from repairing and selling appliances or appliance parts we receive through their programs. We have instituted tracking and auditing procedures to assure our customers that those appliances do not return to use.

Our pricing for energy efficiency program contracts is generally on a per-appliance basis and depends upon several factors, including:

1. Total number of appliances expected to be processed and/or replaced.
2. Length of the contract term.
3. Specific services the utility requires us to provide.
4. Market factors, including labor rates and transportation costs.
5. Anticipated revenue associated with the sale of recycled appliance byproducts.
6. Competitive bidding scenarios.

GeoTraq: GeoTraq currently has no customers. GeoTraq sources its raw materials, including electronic chips, computers and software from various third parties. GeoTraq is dependent on a single supplier for its modules.

### **Principal Products and Services**

At December 28, 2019, we generated revenues from two sources: recycling and byproduct. Recycling revenues were generated by charging fees for collecting and recycling appliances for utilities and other sponsors of energy efficiency programs and through the sale of new ENERGY STAR® appliances to utility companies for installation in the homes of a specific segment of their customers. Byproduct revenues were generated by selling scrap materials, such as metal and plastics, from appliances we collected and recycled.

During fiscal year 2019, we operated three reportable segments: biotechnology, recycling, and technology. During fiscal year 2018, we operated two reportable segments: recycling, and technology (commencing on August 18, 2017). Our recycling segment includes all fees charged for collecting, recycling and installing appliances for utilities and other customers and includes byproduct revenue, which is generated primarily through the recycling of appliances. Our technology segment is engaged in the development, design and, ultimately, we expect the sale of, cellular transceiver modules, also known as Mobile IoT modules.

### **Seasonality**

Promotional activities for programs in which the utility sponsor conducts all advertising are generally strong during the second and third calendar quarters, leading to higher customer demand for services during that time period. As a result, we experience a surge in business during the second and third calendar quarters, which generally declines through the fourth and first calendar quarters until advertising activities resume.

Neither our biotechnology nor technology segments had any customers at December 28, 2019.

### **Competition**

#### Biotechnology

To the Company's knowledge, there are no drugs specifically indicated for PAD-associated pain. The Company is aware that pentoxifylline is indicated "for the treatment of patients with intermittent claudication on the basis of chronic occlusive arterial disease of the limbs." In addition, ibuprofen and opioids may also be used to treat PAD.

#### Recycling:

Many factors, including obtaining adequate resources to create and support the infrastructure required to operate large-scale appliance recycling and replacement programs, affect competition in the industry. We generally compete for contracts with several other appliance recycling businesses, energy services management companies, and new-appliance retailers. We also compete with small hauling or recycling companies based in the program's service territory. Many of these companies, including used-appliance dealers that call themselves "appliance recyclers," resell in the secondary market a percentage of the used appliances they accept for recycling. The unsalable units may

not be properly processed to remove environmentally harmful materials because these companies do not have the capability to offer the full range of services we provide.

We expect our primary competition for appliance recycling and replacement contracts with existing and new customers to come from a variety of sources, including:

1. Existing recycling companies.
2. Entrepreneurs entering the appliance recycling business.
3. Management consultants.
4. Major waste hauling companies.
5. Scrap metal processors.
6. National and regional new appliance retailers.

In addition, utility companies and other customers may choose to provide all or some of the services required to operate their appliance recycling and replacement programs internally rather than contracting with outside vendors. We have no assurance that we will be able to compete profitably in any of our chosen markets.

#### Technology

GeoTraq plans on operating in an industry segment that is made of numerous competing technologies designed to connect devices to the IoT. The business's wireless solution uses IoT based on LTE CAT-M and the newly released NB-IoT protocols that were defined in the GSMA's (Groupe Speciale Mobile Association) 3GPP Release 13 standard. The Mobile IoT industry utilizes radio spectrum that is licensed to wireless carriers by various governmental regulatory agencies around the world. Mobile IoT is extremely competitive and constantly changing as carriers, manufacturers and solution providers offer innovation to the IoT marketplace. GeoTraq believes there is a large under-served opportunity for "Simple IoT" solutions that significantly reduce the complexity, cycle time and cost of deploying LBS and sensor monitoring solutions. The company's transceiver modules and associated wireless connectivity subscription service is specifically targeted at accomplishing these objectives.

#### **Government Regulation**

##### Biotechnology

Pharmaceutical companies are subject to extensive regulation by foreign, federal, state, and local agencies, such as the FDA, and various similar agencies in most countries worldwide. The manufacture, distribution, marketing, and sale of pharmaceutical products are subject to government regulation in the U.S. and various foreign countries. Additionally, in the U.S., we must follow rules and regulations established by the FDA requiring the presentation of data indicating that our product candidates are safe and efficacious and are manufactured in accordance with cGMP regulations. If we do not comply with applicable requirements, we may be fined, the government may refuse to approve our marketing applications or allow us to manufacture or market our product candidates, and we may be criminally prosecuted. We, our manufacturers and clinical research organizations may also be subject to regulations under other foreign, federal, state and local laws, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Clean Air Act and import, export and customs regulations as well as the laws and regulations of other countries. The U.S. government has increased its enforcement activity regarding illegal marketing practices domestically and internationally. As a result, pharmaceutical companies must ensure their compliance with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and federal healthcare fraud and abuse laws, including the False Claims Act.

These regulatory requirements impact our operations and differ from one country to another, so that securing the applicable regulatory approvals of one country does not imply the approval of another country. The approval procedures involve high costs and are manpower intensive, usually extend over many years and require highly skilled and professional resources.

## FDA Market Approval Process

The steps usually required to be taken before a new drug may be marketed in the U.S. generally include:

- completion of pre-clinical laboratory and animal testing;
- completion of required chemistry, manufacturing and controls testing;
- the submission to the FDA of an Investigational New Drug (“IND”) application, which must be evaluated and found acceptable by the FDA before human clinical trials may commence;
- performance of adequate and well-controlled human clinical trials to establish the safety, pharmacokinetics and efficacy of the proposed drug for its intended use;
- submission and approval of a New Drug Application (“NDA”)
- successful pre-approval inspection of the manufacturer and analytical testing facilities; and
- agreement with FDA of the label language, including the prescribing information insert.

Clinical studies are conducted under protocols detailing, among other things, the objectives of the study, what types of patients may enter the study, schedules of tests and procedures, drugs, dosages, and length of study, as well as the parameters to be used in monitoring safety, and the efficacy criteria to be evaluated. A protocol for each clinical study and any subsequent protocol amendments must be submitted to the FDA as part of the IND process.

Clinical trials are usually conducted in three phases. Phase I clinical trials are normally conducted in small groups of healthy volunteers to assess safety and tolerability of various dosing regimens and pharmacokinetics. After a safe dose has been established, in Phase II clinical trials the drug is administered to small populations of sick patients to look for initial signs of efficacy via dose ranging studies in treating the targeted disease or condition and to continue to assess safety and the effective doses to be studied in larger trials in Phase III. In the case of vaccines, the participants are healthy and the signs of efficacy can be obtained in early Phase I, therefore this Phase is defined as Phase I/II. Phase III clinical trials are usually multi-center, double-blind controlled trials in hundreds or even thousands of subjects at various sites to assess as fully as possible both the safety and effectiveness of the drug.

Clinical trials must be conducted in accordance with the FDA’s good clinical practice requirements. The FDA may order the temporary or permanent discontinuation of a clinical study at any time or impose other sanctions if it believes that the clinical study is not being conducted in accordance with FDA requirements or that the participants are being exposed to an unacceptable health risk. An institutional review board, or IRB, generally must approve the clinical trial design and patient informed consent at study sites that the IRB oversees and also may halt a study, either temporarily or permanently, for failure to comply with the IRB’s requirements, or may impose other conditions. Additionally, some clinical studies are overseen by an independent group of qualified experts organized by the clinical study sponsor, known as a data safety monitoring board or committee. This group recommends whether or not a trial may move forward at designated check points based on access to certain data from the study. The clinical study sponsor may also suspend or terminate a clinical trial based on evolving business objectives and/or competitive climate.

As a product candidate moves through the clinical testing phases, manufacturing processes are further defined, refined, controlled and validated. The level of control and validation required by the FDA increases as clinical studies progress. We and the third-party manufacturers on which we rely for the manufacture of our product candidate and its components (including the API) are subject to requirements that drugs be manufactured, packaged and labeled in conformity with Current Good Manufacturing Practices (“cGMPs”). To comply with cGMP requirements, manufacturers must continue to spend time, money and effort to meet requirements relating to personnel, facilities, equipment, production and process, labeling and packaging, quality control, recordkeeping and other requirements.

Assuming completion of all required testing in accordance with all applicable regulatory requirements, detailed information on the product candidate is submitted to the FDA in the form of an NDA, requesting approval to market the product for one or more indications, together with payment of a user fee, unless waived. An NDA includes all relevant data available from pertinent nonclinical and clinical studies, including negative or ambiguous results as

well as positive findings, together with detailed information on the chemistry, manufacture, controls and proposed labeling, among other things. To support marketing approval, the data submitted must be sufficient in quality and quantity to establish the safety and efficacy of the product candidate for its intended use to the satisfaction of the FDA. The FDA also conducts a pre-approval inspection of the manufacturer and laboratory prior to approval of the NDA.

If an NDA submission is accepted for filing, the FDA begins an in-depth review of the NDA. Under the Prescription Drug User Fee Act, or PDUFA, the FDA's goal is to complete its initial review and respond to the applicant within ten months of submission, unless the application relates to an unmet medical need, or is for a serious or life-threatening indication, in which case the goal may be within six months of NDA submission. However, PDUFA goal dates are not legal mandates and the FDA response often occurs several months beyond the original PDUFA goal date. Further, the review process and the target response date under PDUFA may be extended if the FDA requests or the NDA sponsor otherwise provides additional information or clarification regarding information already provided in the NDA. The NDA review process can, accordingly, be very lengthy. During its review of an NDA, the FDA may refer the application to an advisory committee for review, evaluation and recommendation as to whether the application should be approved. The FDA is not bound by the recommendation of an advisory committee, but it typically follows such recommendations. Data from clinical studies are not always conclusive and the FDA and/or any advisory committee it appoints may interpret data differently than the applicant.

After the FDA evaluates the NDA and inspects manufacturing facilities where the drug product and/or its API will be produced and tested, it will either approve commercial marketing of the drug product with prescribing information for specific indications or issue a complete response letter indicating that the application is not ready for approval and stating the conditions that must be met in order to secure approval of the NDA. If the complete response letter requires additional data and the applicant subsequently submits that data, the FDA nevertheless may ultimately decide that the NDA does not satisfy its criteria for approval. The FDA could also approve the NDA with a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies, or REMS, plan to mitigate risks, which could include medication guides, physician communication plans, or elements to assure safe use, such as restricted distribution methods, patient registries and other risk minimization tools. The FDA also may condition approval on, among other things, changes to proposed labeling, development of adequate controls and specifications, or a commitment to conduct post-marketing testing. Such post-marketing testing may include Phase IV clinical trials and surveillance to further assess and monitor the product's safety and efficacy after approval. Regulatory approval of products for serious or life-threatening indications may require that participants in clinical studies be followed for long periods to determine the overall survival benefit of the drug.

If the FDA approves our product candidate, we will be required to comply with a number of post-approval regulatory requirements. We would be required to report, among other things, certain adverse reactions and production problems to the FDA, provide updated safety and efficacy information and comply with requirements concerning advertising and promotional labeling for our product candidate. Also, quality control and manufacturing procedures must continue to conform to cGMPs after approval, and the FDA periodically inspects manufacturing facilities to assess compliance with cGMPs, which imposes extensive procedural, substantive and record keeping requirements. If we seek to make certain changes to an approved product, such as certain manufacturing changes, we may need FDA review and approval before the change can be implemented.

While physicians may use products for indications that have not been approved by the FDA, we may not label or promote the product for an indication that has not been approved. Securing FDA approval for new indications is similar to the process for approval of the original indication and requires, among other things, submitting data from adequate and well-controlled studies that demonstrate the product's safety and efficacy in the new indication. Even if such studies are conducted, the FDA may not approve any change in a timely fashion, or at all.

The FDA may also require post-marketing testing, or Phase IV testing, as well as risk minimization action plans and surveillance to monitor the effects of an approved product or place conditions on an approval that could otherwise restrict the distribution or use of the product.

## Section 505(b)(2) New Drug Applications

We intend to submit an application for our product candidate via the 505(b)(2) regulatory pathway. As an alternate path for FDA approval of new indications or new formulations of previously-approved products, a company may file a Section 505(b)(2) NDA, instead of a “stand-alone” or “full” NDA. Section 505(b)(2) of the FDCA was enacted as part of the Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984, otherwise known as the Hatch-Waxman Amendments. Section 505(b)(2) permits the submission of an NDA where at least some of the information required for approval comes from studies not conducted by or for the applicant and for which the applicant has not obtained a right of reference. Some examples of products that may be allowed to follow a 505(b)(2) path to approval are drugs that have a new dosage form, strength, route of administration, formulation or indication.

The Hatch-Waxman Amendments permit the applicant to rely upon certain published nonclinical or clinical studies conducted for an approved product or the FDA’s conclusions from prior review of such studies. The FDA may require companies to perform additional studies or measurements to support any changes from the approved product. The FDA may then approve the new product for all or some of the labeled indications for which the reference product has been approved, as well as for any new indication supported by the Section 505(b)(2) application. While references to nonclinical and clinical data not generated by the applicant or for which the applicant does not have a right of reference are allowed, all development, process, stability, qualification and validation data related to the manufacturing and quality of the new product must be included in an NDA submitted under Section 505(b)(2).

To the extent that the Section 505(b)(2) applicant is relying on the FDA’s conclusions regarding studies conducted for an already approved product, the applicant is required to certify to the FDA concerning any patents listed for the approved product in the FDA’s Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations, or Orange Book. Specifically, the applicant must certify that: (i) the required patent information has not been filed; (ii) the listed patent has expired; (iii) the listed patent has not expired, but will expire on a particular date and approval is sought after patent expiration; or (iv) the listed patent is invalid or will not be infringed by the new product. The Section 505(b)(2) application also will not be approved until any non-patent exclusivity, such as exclusivity for obtaining approval of a new chemical entity, listed in the Orange Book for the reference product has expired. If the Orange Book certifications outlined above are not accomplished, the Section 505(b)(2) applicant may invest a significant amount of time and expense in the development of its products only to be subject to significant delay and patent litigation before its products may be commercialized.

## Continuing Regulation

After a drug is approved for marketing and enters the marketplace, numerous regulatory requirements continue to apply. These include, but are not limited to:

- the FDA’s cGMP regulations require manufacturers, including third party manufacturers, to follow stringent requirements for the methods, facilities and controls used in manufacturing, processing and packing of a drug product;
- labeling regulations and the FDA prohibitions against the promotion of drugs for unapproved uses (known as off-label uses), as well as requirements to provide adequate information on both risks and benefits during promotion of the drug;
- approval of product modifications or use of a drug for an indication other than approved in an NDA;
- adverse drug experience regulations, which require us to report information on adverse events during pre-market testing and post-approval safety reporting;
- NDA quarterly reporting for the first three years, then annual reporting thereafter, of changes in chemistry, manufacturing and control or CMC, labeling, clinical studies and findings, and toxicology studies from the data submitted in the NDA;

- post-market testing and surveillance requirements, including Phase IV trials, when necessary to protect the public health or to provide additional safety and effectiveness data for the drug; and
- the FDA's recall authority, whereby it can ask, or under certain conditions order, drug manufacturers to recall from the market a product that is in violation of governing laws and regulation. After a drug receives approval, any modification in conditions of use, active ingredient(s), route of administration, dosage form, strength or bioavailability, will require a new approval, for which it may be possible to submit a 505(b)(2), accompanied by additional clinical data necessary to demonstrate the safety and effectiveness of the product with the proposed changes. Additional clinical studies may be required for proposed changes.

#### **Other U.S. Healthcare Laws and Compliance Requirements**

For products distributed in the United States, we will also be subject to additional healthcare regulation and enforcement by the federal government and the states in which we conduct our business. Applicable federal and state healthcare laws and regulations include the following:

- The federal healthcare anti-kickback statute prohibits, among other things, persons from knowingly and willfully soliciting, offering, receiving, or providing remuneration, directly or indirectly, in cash or in kind, to induce or reward either the referral of an individual for, or the purchase, order, or recommendation of, any good or service, for which payment may be made under federal healthcare programs such as Medicare and Medicaid;
- The Ethics in Patient Referrals Act, commonly referred to as the Stark Law, and its corresponding regulations, prohibit physicians from referring patients for designated health services (including outpatient drugs) reimbursed under the Medicare or Medicaid programs to entities with which the physicians or their immediate family members have a financial relationship or an ownership interest, subject to narrow regulatory exceptions, and prohibits those entities from submitting claims to Medicare or Medicaid for payment of items or services provided to a referred beneficiary;
- The federal False Claims Act imposes criminal and civil penalties, including civil whistleblower or qui tam actions, against individuals or entities for knowingly presenting, or causing to be presented, to the federal government claims for payment that are false or fraudulent or making a false statement to avoid, decrease, or conceal an obligation to pay money to the federal government;
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, imposes criminal and civil liability for executing a scheme to defraud any healthcare benefit program and also imposes obligations, including mandatory contractual terms, with respect to safeguarding the privacy, security and transmission of individually identifiable health information. This statute also prohibits knowingly and willfully falsifying, concealing or covering up a material fact or making any materially false statement in connection with the delivery of or payment for healthcare benefits, items, or services; and
- Analogous state laws and regulations, such as state anti-kickback and false claims laws, may apply to sales or marketing arrangements and claims involving healthcare items or services reimbursed by non-governmental third-party payors, including private insurers, and some state laws require pharmaceutical companies to comply with the pharmaceutical industry's voluntary compliance guidelines and the relevant compliance guidance promulgated by the federal government.

#### **Reimbursement**

Sales of our product candidate in the United States may depend, in part, on the extent to which the costs of the product candidate will be covered by third-party payers, such as government health programs, commercial insurance and managed health care organizations. These third-party payers are increasingly challenging the prices charged for medical products and services. Additionally, the containment of health care costs has become a priority of federal and state governments, and the prices of drugs have been a focus in this effort. The United States government, state

legislatures and foreign governments have shown significant interest in implementing cost-containment programs, including price controls, restrictions on reimbursement and requirements for substitution of generic products. Adoption of price controls and cost-containment measures, and adoption of more restrictive policies in jurisdictions with existing controls and measures, could further limit our net revenue and results. If these third-party payers do not consider our product candidate to be cost-effective compared to other available therapies, they may not cover our product candidate after approval as a benefit under their plans or, if they do, the level of payment may not be sufficient to allow us to sell our product candidate on a profitable basis.

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (the “MMA”), imposes new requirements for the distribution and pricing of prescription drugs for Medicare beneficiaries and includes a major expansion of the prescription drug benefit under Medicare Part D. Under Part D, Medicare beneficiaries may enroll in prescription drug plans offered by private entities which will provide coverage of outpatient prescription drugs. Part D plans include both stand-alone prescription drug benefit plans and prescription drug coverage as a supplement to Medicare Advantage plans. Unlike Medicare Parts A and B, Part D coverage is not standardized. Part D prescription drug plan sponsors are not required to pay for all covered Part D drugs, and each drug plan can develop its own drug formulary that identifies which drugs it will cover and at what tier or level. However, Part D prescription drug formularies must include drugs within each therapeutic category and class of covered Part D drugs, though not necessarily all the drugs in each category or class. Any formulary used by a Part D prescription drug plan must be developed and reviewed by a pharmacy and therapeutic committee. Government payment for some of the costs of prescription drugs may increase demand for product candidates for which we receive marketing approval. However, any negotiated prices for our product candidates covered by a Part D prescription drug plan will likely be lower than the prices we might otherwise obtain. Moreover, while the MMA applies only to drug benefits for Medicare beneficiaries, private payers often follow Medicare coverage policy and payment limitations in setting their own payment rates. Any reduction in payment that results from the MMA may result in a similar reduction in payments from non-governmental payers.

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law. This law provides funding for the federal government to compare the effectiveness of different treatments for the same Healthcare Research and Quality and the National Institutes of Health, and periodic reports on the status of the research and related expenditures will be made to Congress. Although the results of the comparative effectiveness studies are not intended to mandate coverage policies for public or private payers, it is not clear how such a result could be avoided and what if any effect the research will have on the sales of our product candidates, if any such product or the condition that it is intended to treat is the subject of a study. It is also possible that comparative effectiveness research demonstrating benefits in a competitor’s product could adversely affect the sales of our product candidates. Decreases in third-party reimbursement for our product candidate or a decision by a third-party payer to not cover our product candidates could reduce physician usage of the product candidate and have a material adverse effect on our sales, results of operations and financial condition.

### *Recycling*

Federal, state, and local governments regulate appliance collection, recycling, and sales activities. While some requirements apply nationwide, others vary by market. The many laws and regulations that affect appliance recycling include landfill disposal restrictions, hazardous waste management requirements and air quality standards. For example, the 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act prohibit the venting of all Refrigerants while servicing or disposing of appliances.

Each of our recycling facilities maintains the appropriate registrations, permits and licenses for operating at its location. We register our recycling centers as hazardous waste generators with the EPA and obtain all appropriate regional and local licenses for managing hazardous wastes. Licensed hazardous waste companies transport and recycle or dispose of the hazardous materials we generate. Our collection vehicles and our transportation employees are required to comply with all U.S. Department of Transportation (“DOT”) licensing requirements.

Approximately thirty of ARCA Recycling's clients participate in the EPA's voluntary RAD program by committing to employing best environmental practices to reduce emissions of ozone-depleting substances and greenhouse gases through the proper disposal of refrigeration appliances at end of life. We prepare annual RAD reports quantifying the materials collected to submit to EPA on behalf of our clients.

Although we believe that further governmental regulation of the appliance recycling industry could have a positive effect on us, we cannot predict the direction of future legislation. Under some circumstances, for example, further regulation could materially increase our operational costs or reduce environmental requirements for disposing of appliances at end of life. In addition, under some circumstances we may be subject to contingent liabilities because we handle hazardous materials. We believe we are in compliance with all government regulations regarding the handling of hazardous materials, and we have environmental insurance to mitigate the impact of any potential contingent liability.

#### *Technology*

GeoTraq's Mobile IoT modules utilize low power wireless transmitters that emit RF energy waves, which are subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and may be subject to regulation by other domestic and international agencies. GeoTraq believes that FCC rules Part 15, Part 20, Part 22, Part 24 and Part 27 may apply to the company's products. GeoTraq believes that its products are safe and will utilize FCC accredited testing laboratories to verify and certify that the company's modules comply with all required regulatory requirements. In addition, GeoTraq intends to seek and obtain necessary licenses and permits from the FCC and other regulatory agencies as required by law.

#### **Employees**

On December 28, 2019, we had 208 employees, of which 199 were full-time employees.

#### **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described below with respect to an investment in our shares. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition, operating results or cash provided by operations could be materially harmed. As a result, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you might lose all or part of your investment. When evaluating an investment in our common stock, you should also refer to the other information in this Form 10-K, including our consolidated financial statements and related notes.

#### **Risks Relating to Our Business Generally**

##### *Our results of operations may be negatively impacted by the coronavirus outbreak*

In December 2019, the 2019 novel coronavirus surfaced in Wuhan, China. The World Health Organization declared a global emergency on January 30, 2020, with respect to the outbreak and several countries, including the United States, Japan and Australia have initiated travel restrictions to and from China. The impacts of the outbreak are unknown and rapidly evolving.

The widespread health crisis has adversely affected the global economy, resulting in an economic downturn that could impact demand for our products.

To date, the outbreak has started to have a material adverse impact on our operations. For example, several customers in our appliance recycling and appliance replacement business have suspended our ability to pick up and or replace their customers' appliances resulting in decreased revenues for both recycling and replacement business. The future impact of the outbreak is highly uncertain and cannot be predicted and there is no assurance that the outbreak will not have a material adverse impact on the future results of the Company. The extent of the impact, if any, will depend on future developments, including actions taken to contain the coronavirus.

***We could incur charges due to impairment of long-lived assets.***

At December 28, 2019, we had long-lived asset balances of approximately \$20 million, which are subject to periodic testing for impairment. A significant amount of judgment is involved in the periodic testing. Failure to achieve sufficient levels of cash flow within our GeoTraq business, or sales of our branded products or cash flow generated from operations at individual store locations could result in impairment charges for intangible or long-lived assets, which could have a material adverse effect on our reported results of operations. Impairment charges, if any, resulting from the periodic testing are non-cash. A significant decline in the property fair values could result in long-lived asset impairment charges. A significant and sustained decline in our stock price could result in intangible and long-lived asset impairment charges. During times of financial market volatility, significant judgment is used to determine the underlying cause of the decline and whether stock price declines are short-term in nature or indicative of an event or change in circumstances. See Note 2 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

***If we fail to implement our business strategy or if our business strategy is ineffective, our financial performance could be materially and adversely affected.***

Our future financial performance and success are dependent in large part upon the effectiveness of our business strategy and our ability to implement our business strategy successfully. Implementation of our strategy will require effective management of our operational, financial and human resources and will place significant demands on those resources.

There are risks involved in pursuing our strategy, including the following:

- Our employees, customers or investors may not embrace and support our strategy.
- We may not be able to hire or retain the personnel necessary to manage our strategy effectively.
- We may be unsuccessful in implementing improvements to operational efficiency and such efforts may not yield the intended result.
- We may record material charges against earnings due to any number of events that could cause impairments to our assets.

In addition to the risks set forth above, effectiveness of and the successful implementation of our business strategy could also be affected by a number of factors beyond our control, such as increased competition, legal developments, government regulation, general economic conditions, increased operating costs or expenses and changes in industry trends. We may decide to alter or discontinue certain aspects of our business strategy at any time. If we are not able to implement our business strategy successfully, our long-term growth and profitability may be adversely affected. Even if we are able to implement some or all of the initiatives of our business strategy successfully, our operating results may not improve and could decline substantially.

***A cybersecurity incident could negatively impact our business and our relationships with customers.***

We use computers and transact, receive, transmit and store electronic data in substantially all aspects of our business operations. We also use mobile devices, social networking and other online activities to communicate with our employees and our customers. Such uses give rise to cybersecurity risks, including security breach, espionage, system disruption, theft and inadvertent release of information. Our business involves the storage and transmission of numerous classes of sensitive and/or confidential information, including customers' personal information, private information about employees, and financial and strategic information about the Company and its business partners. If we fail to assess and identify cybersecurity risks associated with new initiatives, we may become increasingly vulnerable to such risks. Additionally, while we have implemented measures to prevent security breaches and cyber incidents, our preventative measures and incident response efforts may not be entirely effective. The theft, destruction, loss, misappropriation, or release of sensitive and/or confidential information or intellectual property, or interference with our information technology systems or the technology systems of third parties on which we rely, could result in business disruption, negative publicity, brand damage, violation of privacy laws, loss of customers, potential liability and competitive disadvantage.

There is no guarantee that the procedures that we have implemented to protect against unauthorized access to secured data are adequate to safeguard against all data security breaches. Any such compromise of our security or the security of information residing with our business associates or third parties could have a material adverse effect on our reputation and may expose us to material costs, penalties, compensation claims, lost sales, fines and lawsuits. In addition, any compromise of our data security may materially increase the costs we incur to protect against such breaches and could subject us to additional legal risk.

***Failure to effectively manage our costs could have a material adverse effect on our profitability.***

Certain elements of our cost structure are largely fixed in nature. The negative impact of not renewing existing or securing new contracts on our business could make it more challenging for us to maintain or increase our operating income. The competitiveness in our industries and increasing price pressures and transparency means that the focus on achieving efficient operations is greater than ever. As a result, we must continuously focus on achieving new contracts and managing our cost structure. Failure to manage our labor and benefit rates, operating leases, other facility expenses or indirect spending could materially adversely affect our profitability.

***Any failure of our information technology infrastructure or management information systems could cause a disruption in our business and our results of operations could be materially adversely impacted.***

Our ability to operate our business from day to day largely depends on the efficient operation of our information technology infrastructure and management information systems. We use our management information systems to conduct our operations and plan critical corporate and business functions, including recycling operations, sales management, supply chain and inventory management, financial reporting and accounting, delivery and other customer services and various administrative functions. Our systems are subject to damage or interruption from power outages, computer and telecommunications failures, computer viruses, security breaches, catastrophic events such as fires, tornadoes and hurricanes, and usage errors by our employees. Operating legacy systems subject us to inherent costs and risks associated with maintaining, upgrading and replacing these systems and retaining sufficiently skilled personnel to maintain and operate the systems which may also place demands on management time, as well as create other risks and costs. Any failure that is not covered by our disaster recovery plan could cause an interruption in our operations and adversely affect our results of operations.

***We are subject to risks associated with leasing substantial amounts of space, including future increases in occupancy costs.***

We lease our corporate headquarters and recycling centers. Our continued growth and success depend in part on our ability to locate desirable property for new recycling centers and renew leases for existing locations. Because there is no assurance that we will be able to locate acceptable real estate for new recycling centers, or re-negotiate leases for existing locations at similar or favorable terms at the end of the lease term, we could be forced to move or exit a market if another favorable arrangement cannot be made. Furthermore, a significant rise in real estate prices or real property taxes could result in an increase in lease expense as we open new locations and renew leases for existing locations, thereby negatively impacting the Company's results of operations. The inability of the Company to renew, extend or replace expiring leases could have an adverse effect on the Company's results of operations.

We depend on cash flow from operations to pay our lease expenses. If our business does not generate sufficient cash flow from operating activities to fund these expenses, we may not be able to service our lease expenses, which could materially harm our business.

If an existing recycling center is not profitable, and we decide to close it, we may nonetheless be committed to perform our obligations under the applicable lease including, among other things, paying the base rent for the balance of the lease term. Moreover, even if a lease has an early cancellation clause, we may not satisfy the contractual requirements for early cancellation under that lease. Our inability to enter into new leases or renew existing leases on terms acceptable to us or be released from our obligations under leases for recycling centers that we close could materially adversely impact our business, financial condition, operating results or cash flows.

***We have identified and disclosed in this Form 10-K material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting. If we are not able to remediate these material weaknesses and maintain an effective system of internal controls, we may not be able to accurately or timely report our financial results, which could cause our stock price to fall or result in our stock being delisted.***

We need to devote significant resources and time to comply with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (“Sarbanes-Oxley”) with respect to internal control over financial reporting. In addition, Section 404 under Sarbanes-Oxley requires that we assess the design and operating effectiveness of our controls over financial reporting, which are necessary for us to provide reliable and accurate financial reports.

As reported in Part II – Item 9A, Controls and Procedures, there were material weaknesses in our internal controls over financial reporting at December 28, 2019. Specifically, management noted material weaknesses in internal control when conducting their evaluation of internal control as of December 28, 2019. (1) Insufficient information technology general controls (“ITGC”) and segregation of duties. It was noted that people who were negotiating a contract, were also involved in approving invoices without proper oversight. Additional controls and procedures are necessary and are being implemented to have check and balance on significant transactions and governance with those charged with governance authority. (2) Inadequate control design or lack of sufficient controls over significant accounting processes. The cutoff and reconciliation procedures were not effective with certain accrued and deferred expenses. (3) Insufficient assessment of the impact of potentially significant transactions, and (4) Insufficient processes and procedures related to proper recordkeeping of agreements and contracts. In addition, contract to invoice reconciliation was not effective with certain transportation service providers. As part of its remediation plan, processes and procedures have been implemented to help ensure accruals and invoices are reviewed for accuracy and properly recorded in the appropriate period.

We expect our systems and controls to become increasingly complex to the extent that we integrate acquisitions and as our business grows. To effectively manage our company today and this anticipated complexity, we need to remediate these material weaknesses and continue to improve our operational, financial, and management controls and our reporting systems and procedures. Any failure to remediate these material weaknesses and implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in the implementation or operation of these controls, could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our financial reporting obligations, which could adversely affect our business and jeopardize our listing on the NASDAQ Capital Market, either of which would harm our stock price.

### **Risks Relating to Our Biotechnology Segment**

#### ***Our biotechnology business has a limited operating history.***

Our biotechnology business was started in September 2019 and has limited operating history. We have not commenced revenue-producing operations. To date, our biotechnology-related operations have consisted of preliminary research and development, and characterization and testing of SR TV1001, our initial product candidate. Our limited operating history makes it difficult for potential investors to evaluate our technology or the prospective operations of our biotechnology business. Because our biotechnology business is in the development stage, we are subject to all the risks inherent in the organization, financing, expenditures, complications, and delays involved with such a business. Accordingly, you should consider the prospects of our biotechnology business in light of the costs, uncertainties, delays and difficulties frequently encountered by companies in the early stages of development, especially clinical-stage biopharmaceutical businesses such as ours. Potential investors should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties that a biotechnology business with a limited operating history faces. In particular, potential investors should consider that we may be unable to:

- successfully implement or execute the business plan of our biotechnology business, or that our biotechnology business plan is sound;
- successfully complete clinical trials and obtain regulatory approval for the marketing of our product candidate;
- successfully demonstrate a favorable differentiation between our product candidate and the current products on the market;

- successfully manufacture of our clinical drug product and establish a commercial drug supply;
- secure market exclusivity and/or adequate intellectual property protection for our product candidate;
- attract and retain an experienced management and advisory team; and
- raise sufficient funds in the capital markets to effectuate our biotechnology business plan, including product and clinical development, regulatory approval, and commercialization for our product candidate.

Investors should evaluate an investment in us in light of the uncertainties encountered by developing biotechnology businesses in a competitive environment. There can be no assurance that our efforts will be successful. If we cannot successfully execute any one of the foregoing, our business may not succeed and your investment will be adversely affected. You must be prepared to lose all of your investment.

***We expect we will need additional financing to execute our biotechnology business plan and fund the operations of our biotechnology business, which additional financing may not be available on reasonable terms or at all.***

As of December 28, 2019, we had total assets of \$29 million and negative working capital of \$8.7 million. As of December 28, 2019, our liquidity included \$481 thousand of cash and cash equivalents. We believe that we will require a significant amount of capital, in addition to our cash on hand, in order to fund the development of our initial product candidate, SR TV1001, through the completion of its Phase IIb/IIIa studies, respectively. However, as of the date of this Form 10-K, we believe that we will need additional capital to obtain marketing approval for SR TV1001, assuming such approval can be obtained at all. We intend to seek additional funds through various financing sources, including the potential sale of our recycling business and the sale of our equity securities. However, there can be no guarantees that such funds will be available on terms that we deem reasonable, if at all. If such financing is not available on satisfactory terms, we may be unable to further pursue our business plan and we may be unable to continue operations, in which case you may lose your entire investment.

***Our business model is entirely dependent on certain patent rights licensed to us from the Licensors (as defined below), and the loss of those license rights would, in all likelihood, cause our business, as presently contemplated, to fail.***

In November 2019, UAB Research Foundation (“UABRF”), TheraVasc, Inc. (“TheraVasc”), and the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, acting on behalf of LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport (“LSU Health Shreveport”, together with UABRF and TheraVasc, the “Licensors”), granted us an exclusive worldwide, royalty bearing license to the patent rights for SR TV1001 in the negotiated fields of use. The patent license agreement requires us to pay royalties and milestone payments and conform to a variety of covenants and agreements, and in the event of our breach of the agreement, the Licensors may elect to terminate the agreement. As of the date of this Form 10-K, we believe we are in compliance with the patent license agreement and consider our relationship with the Licensors to be excellent.

***We currently have no sales and marketing organization. If we are unable to establish satisfactory sales and marketing capabilities or secure a third-party sales and marketing relationship, we may not be able to successfully commercialize any of our product candidates.***

At present, we have no sales or marketing personnel. Upon and subject to initial receipt of the requisite regulatory approvals for our drug product, we intend to commercialize our drug products through a combination of our internal direct sales force, third-party marketing and distribution relationships. In some cases, we may pursue the licensing of our SR TV1001 technology or enter into a joint development arrangement. If we are not successful in recruiting sales and marketing personnel and building a sales and marketing infrastructure or entering into appropriate collaboration arrangements with third parties, we will have difficulty successfully commercializing our product candidates, which would adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition.

Even if we enter into third-party marketing and distribution arrangements, we may have limited or no control over the sales, marketing and distribution activities of these third parties. Our future revenues may depend heavily on the success of the efforts of these third parties. In terms of establishing a sales and marketing infrastructure, we will

have to compete with established and well-funded pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies to recruit, hire, train and retain sales and marketing personnel. Factors that may inhibit our efforts to build an internal sales organization or enter into collaboration arrangements with third parties include:

- our inability to recruit and retain adequate numbers of effective sales and marketing personnel;
- the inability of sales personnel to obtain access to or persuade adequate numbers of physicians to prescribe any of our product candidates;
- the lack of complementary products to be offered by sales personnel, which may put us at a competitive disadvantage relative to companies with more extensive product lines; and
- unforeseen costs and expenses associated with creating an internal sales and marketing organization.

***We will be completely dependent on third parties to manufacture our product candidate, and the commercialization of our product candidate could be halted, delayed, or made less profitable if those third parties fail to obtain manufacturing approval from the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities, fail to provide us with sufficient quantities of our product candidates or fail to do so at acceptable quality levels or prices.***

We do not currently have, nor do we plan to acquire, the capability or infrastructure to manufacture our drug candidate for use in our clinical trials or for commercial sales, if any. As a result, we will be obligated to rely on contract manufacturers, when we conduct clinical trials and if and when any of our product candidates are approved for commercialization. In January 2020, we entered into a Master Agreement for Development, Manufacturing and Supply with CoreRx Inc. (“CoreRx”), pursuant to which CoreRx has agreed to provide to us certain product testing, development, and clinical manufacturing services. We have not entered into agreements with any contract manufacturers for commercial supply and may not be able to engage contract manufacturers for commercial supply of any of our product candidates on favorable terms to us, or at all, should the need arise.

In a previous clinical trial, the manufacture of SR TV1001 by a different manufacturing company resulted in product that demonstrated initial instability that led to the product being out-of-specification. While the FDA allowed the trial to continue, there is no guarantee that if the product manufactured by CoreRx is similarly unstable, the FDA will allow us to continue to develop the product. Even if the product manufactured by CoreRx is stable, the FDA may require additional studies to confirm the stability of the product, increasing development cost and times.

The facilities used by CoreRx to manufacture our product candidate must be approved by the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities. Such approvals are subject to inspections that will be conducted after we submit a NDA or Biologics License Application (“BLA”) to the FDA or their equivalents to other relevant regulatory authorities. We will not control the manufacturing process of our product candidates and will be completely dependent on our contract manufacturing partners for compliance with cGMPs, for manufacture of both active drug substances and finished drug products. These cGMP regulations cover all aspects of the manufacturing, testing, quality control, storage, distribution and record keeping relating to our product candidates. If our contract manufacturers do not successfully manufacture material that conforms to our specifications and the strict regulatory requirements of the FDA or others, we will not be able to secure or maintain regulatory approval for product made at their manufacturing facilities. If the FDA or a comparable foreign regulatory authority does not approve these facilities for the manufacture of our product candidates or if it withdraws any such approval in the future, we may need to find alternative manufacturing facilities, which would significantly impact our ability to develop, manufacture, obtain regulatory approval for or market our product candidates, if approved. Likewise, we could be negatively impacted if any of our contract manufacturers elect to discontinue their business relationship with us.

Our contract manufacturer will be subject to ongoing periodic unannounced inspections by the FDA and corresponding state and foreign agencies for compliance with cGMPs and similar regulatory requirements. We will not have control over our contract manufacturer’s compliance with these regulations and standards. Failure by our contract manufacturer to comply with applicable regulations could result in sanctions being imposed on us, including fines, injunctions, civil penalties, failure to grant approval to market our product candidate, delays, suspensions or withdrawals of approvals, inability to supply product, operating restrictions and criminal prosecutions, any of which could significantly and adversely affect our biotechnology business. In addition, we will not have control over the ability of our contract manufacturer to maintain adequate quality control, quality assurance

and qualified personnel. Failure by our contract manufacturer to comply with or maintain any of these standards could adversely affect our ability to develop, manufacture, obtain regulatory approval for or market our product candidate, if approved.

Our manufacturer must obtain the active pharmaceutical ingredient, or API, from a third party. A number of groups manufacture our API, however, some of these are manufactured as a food product, and others, while manufactured under GMP do not have the required Drug Master File on file with the FDA. We may be required to work with the API manufacturer to file the appropriate documents and there is no guarantee that the FDA will approve the filing. This could necessitate additional funding to hire an API manufacturer and produce the product under GMP with all necessary filings.

If, for any reason, these third parties are unable or unwilling to perform, we may not be able to locate alternative manufacturers or formulators or enter into favorable agreements with them and we cannot be certain that any such third parties will have the manufacturing capacity to meet future requirements. If these manufacturers or any alternate manufacturer of finished drug product experiences any significant difficulties in its respective manufacturing processes for APIs, or finished products or should cease doing business with us for any reason, we could experience significant interruptions in the supply of any of our product candidates or may not be able to create a supply of our product candidates at all. Were we to encounter manufacturing difficulties, our ability to produce a sufficient supply of any of our product candidates might be negatively affected. Our inability to coordinate the efforts of our third-party manufacturing partners, or the lack of capacity available at our third-party manufacturing partners, could impair our ability to supply any of our product candidates at required levels. Because of the significant regulatory requirements that we would need to satisfy in order to qualify a new bulk drug substance or finished product manufacturer, if we face these or other difficulties with our then current manufacturing partners, we could experience significant interruptions in the supply of any of our product candidates if we decided to transfer the manufacture of any of our product candidates to one or more alternative manufacturers in an effort to deal with such difficulties.

Any manufacturing problem or the loss of our contract manufacturer could be disruptive to our operations and result in development delays and lost sales. Additionally, we will rely on third parties to supply the raw materials needed to manufacture our product candidates. Any such reliance on suppliers may involve several risks, including a potential inability to obtain critical materials and reduced control over production costs, delivery schedules, reliability and quality. Any unanticipated disruption to the operation of one of our contract manufacturers caused by problems with suppliers could delay shipment of any of our product candidates, increase our cost of goods sold and result in lost sales.

***If product liability lawsuits are brought against us, we may incur substantial liabilities and may be required to limit commercialization of our product candidates***

We will face a potential risk of product liability as a result of the clinical testing of our product candidate and will face an even greater risk of such liability if we commercialize our product candidate. For example, we may be sued if any product we develop, including any of our product candidate, or any materials that we use in our product candidate, allegedly causes injury or is found to be otherwise unsuitable during product testing, manufacturing, marketing or sale. Any such product liability claims may include allegations of defects in manufacturing, defects in design, a failure to warn of dangers inherent in the product, negligence, strict liability and a breach of warranties. In the U.S., claims could also be asserted against us under state consumer protection acts. If we cannot successfully defend ourselves against product liability claims, we may incur substantial liabilities or be required to limit commercialization of our product candidate. Even successful defense of these claims would require us to employ significant financial and management resources. Regardless of the merits or eventual outcome, liability claims may result in:

- decreased demand for our product candidate or any future products that we may develop;
- injury to our reputation;
- failure to obtain regulatory approval for our product candidate;
- withdrawal of participants in our clinical trials;

- costs associated with our defense of the related litigation;
- a diversion of our management's time and our resources;
- substantial monetary awards to trial participants or patients;
- product recalls, withdrawals or labeling, marketing or promotional restrictions;
- the inability to commercialize our product candidate; and
- a decline in the value of our stock.

As of the date of this Form 10-K, we do not carry product liability insurance. However, we intend to obtain product liability insurance prior to clinical testing that we consider adequate for our current level of clinical testing and development. However, we will need additional product liability coverage at the time we commence commercial sale of our initial product. Our inability to obtain and retain sufficient product liability insurance at an acceptable cost to protect against potential product liability claims could prevent or inhibit the commercialization of products we develop. Although we will endeavor to obtain and maintain such insurance in coverage amounts we deem adequate, any claim that may be brought against us could result in a court judgment or settlement in an amount that is not covered, in whole or in part, by our insurance or that is in excess of the limits of our insurance coverage. Our insurance policies would also have various exclusions, and we may be subject to a product liability claim for which we have no coverage. As a result, we may have to pay any amounts awarded by a court or negotiated in a settlement that exceed our coverage limitations or that are not covered by our insurance, and we may not have, or be able to obtain, sufficient capital to pay such amounts.

***Sales of counterfeit versions of our product candidate, as well as unauthorized sales of our product candidate, may have adverse effects on our revenues, business, results of operations and damage our brand and reputation.***

Our product candidate may become subject to competition from counterfeit pharmaceutical products, which are pharmaceutical products sold under the same or very similar brand names and/or having a similar appearance to genuine products, but which are sold without proper licenses or approvals. Such products divert sales from genuine products, often are of lower cost and quality (having different ingredients or formulations, for example), and have the potential to damage the reputation for quality and effectiveness of the genuine product. Obtaining regulatory approval for our product candidate is a complex and lengthy process. If during the period while the regulatory approval is pending illegal sales of counterfeit products begin, consumers may buy such counterfeit products, which could have an adverse impact on our revenues, biotechnology business and results of operations. In addition, if illegal sales of counterfeits result in adverse side effects to consumers, we may be associated with any negative publicity resulting from such incidents. Although pharmaceutical regulation, control, and enforcement systems throughout the world have been increasingly active in policing counterfeit pharmaceuticals, we may not be able to prevent third parties from manufacturing, selling or purporting to sell counterfeit products competing with our product candidate. Such sales may also be occurring without our knowledge. The existence and any increase in production or sales of counterfeit products or unauthorized sales could negatively impact our revenues, brand reputation, biotechnology business and results of operations.

***The success of our biotechnology business is entirely dependent on our ability to obtain the marketing approval for our product candidate by the FDA and the regulatory authorities in foreign jurisdictions in which we intend to market our product candidate, of which there can be no assurance.***

We are not permitted to market our product candidate as prescription pharmaceutical products in the United States until we receive approval of an NDA from the FDA, or in any foreign countries until we receive the requisite approval from such countries. In the United States, the FDA generally requires the completion of clinical trials of each drug to establish its safety and efficacy and extensive pharmaceutical development to ensure its quality before an NDA is approved. Of the large number of drugs in development, only a small percentage result in the submission of an NDA to the FDA and even fewer are eventually approved for commercialization. As of the date of this Form 10-K, we have not submitted an NDA to the FDA or comparable applications to other regulatory authorities for any of our product candidates.

Because of the clinical trial history of SR TV1001, we believe that our initial drug product candidate will qualify for FDA approval through the FDA's 505(b)(2) regulatory pathway and in corresponding regulatory paths in other foreign jurisdictions. Notwithstanding the use of the FDA's 505(b)(2) regulatory pathway, we will be required to conduct Phase IIb/IIIa studies prior to filing for marketing approval of our product candidate.

Our success depends on our receipt of the regulatory approvals described above, and the issuance of such regulatory approvals is uncertain and subject to a number of risks, including the following:

- the results of toxicology studies may not support the filing of an NDA for our product candidates;
- the FDA may require additional pharmacokinetic studies with SR TV1001, including studies with food, prior to allowing the Company to conduct Phase IIb/IIIa trials;
- the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities or Institutional Review Boards, or IRB, may disagree with the design or implementation of our clinical trials;
- we may not be able to provide acceptable evidence of our product candidate's safety and efficacy;
- the results of our clinical trials may not be satisfactory or may not meet the level of statistical or clinical significance required by the FDA, European Medicines Agency, or EMA, or other regulatory agencies for us to receive marketing approval for our product candidate;
- the dosing of our product candidate in a particular clinical trial may not be at an optimal level;
- patients in our clinical trials may suffer adverse effects for reasons that may or may not be related to our product candidate;
- the data collected from clinical trials may not be sufficient to support the submission of an NDA, BLA or other submission or to obtain regulatory approval in the United States or elsewhere;
- the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities may fail to approve the manufacturing processes or facilities of third-party manufacturers with which we contract for clinical and commercial supplies; and
- the approval policies or regulations of the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities may significantly change in a manner rendering our clinical data insufficient for approval of our product candidate.

The process of obtaining regulatory approvals is expensive, often takes many years, if approval is obtained at all, and can vary substantially based upon, among other things, the type, complexity, and novelty of the product candidates involved, the jurisdiction in which regulatory approval is sought and the substantial discretion of the regulatory authorities. Changes in regulatory approval policies during the development period, changes in or the enactment of additional statutes or regulations, or changes in regulatory review for a submitted product application may cause delays in the approval or rejection of an application. Regulatory approval obtained in one jurisdiction does not necessarily mean that a product candidate will receive regulatory approval in all jurisdictions in which we may seek approval, but the failure to obtain approval in one jurisdiction may negatively impact our ability to seek approval in a different jurisdiction. Failure to obtain regulatory approval for our product candidate for the foregoing, or any other reasons, will prevent us from commercializing our product candidate, and our ability to generate revenue will be materially impaired.

***Clinical testing is expensive, is difficult to design and implement, can take many years to complete and is uncertain as to outcome***

Our business model depends in part on the successful development, regulatory approval and commercialization of our product candidate, which may never occur. Our product candidate is in the early stages of development and as of the date of this Form 10-K we have not progressed our product candidate beyond early clinical studies designed only to show safety and animal testing. While TheraVasc has submitted and had two INDs accepted by the FDA, it is not clear whether the INDs remain active and can be transferred to the Company. As of the date of this annual report on Form 10-K, we had requested that TheraVasc and its subsequent licensee request the INDs to be transferred by the

FDA to the Company, however, the actual transfer is still pending. Even if the INDs are transferred to us, the FDA may still require additional work prior to re-initiation of clinical trials. If we do not obtain such approvals to re-initiate trials as presently planned, the time in which we expect to commence clinical programs for any product candidate will be extended and such extension will increase our expenses, delay our potential receipt of any revenues, and increase our need for additional capital. Moreover, there is no guarantee that we will receive approval to commence human clinical trials or, if we do receive approval, that our clinical trials will be successful or that we will continue clinical development in support of an approval from the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities for any indication. We note that most product candidates never reach the clinical development stage and even those that do commence clinical development have only a small chance of successfully completing clinical development and gaining regulatory approval. Success in early phases of pre-clinical and clinical trials does not ensure that later clinical trials will be successful, and interim results of a clinical trial do not necessarily predict final results. A failure of one or more of our clinical trials can occur at any stage of testing. We may experience numerous unforeseen events during, or as a result of, the clinical trial process that could delay or prevent our ability to receive regulatory approval or commercialize our product candidates. Therefore, our business currently depends entirely on the successful development, regulatory approval and commercialization of our product candidates, which may never occur.

*Even if we receive regulatory approval for our product candidate, we may not be able to successfully commercialize the product and the revenue that we generate from its sales, if any, may be limited.*

If approved for marketing, the commercial success of our product candidate will depend upon the product's acceptance by the medical community, including physicians, patients, and health care payors. The degree of market acceptance for our product candidate will depend on a number of factors, including:

- demonstration of clinical safety and efficacy;
- relative convenience, dosing burden and ease of administration;
- the prevalence and severity of any adverse effects;
- the willingness of physicians to prescribe our product candidate, and the target patient population to try new therapies;
- efficacy of our product candidate compared to competing products;
- the introduction of any new products that may in the future become available targeting indications for which our product candidate may be approved;
- new procedures or therapies that may reduce the incidences of any of the indications in which our product candidate may show utility;
- pricing and cost-effectiveness;
- the inclusion or omission of our product candidate in applicable guidelines;
- the effectiveness of our own or any future collaborators' sales and marketing strategies;
- limitations or warnings contained in approved labeling from regulatory authorities;
- our ability to obtain and maintain sufficient third-party coverage or reimbursement from government health care programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, private health insurers and other third-party payors or to receive the necessary pricing approvals from government bodies regulating the pricing and usage of therapeutics; and
- the willingness of patients to pay out-of-pocket in the absence of third-party coverage or reimbursement or government pricing approvals.

If our product candidate is approved but does not achieve an adequate level of acceptance by physicians, health care payors, and patients, our biotechnology business may not generate sufficient revenue to cover costs. Our efforts to educate the medical community and third-party payors on the benefits of our product candidate may require significant resources and may never be successful.

In addition, even if we obtain regulatory approvals, the timing or scope of any approvals may prohibit or reduce our ability to commercialize our product candidate successfully. For example, if the approval process takes too long, we may miss market opportunities and give other companies the ability to develop competing products or establish market dominance. Any regulatory approval we ultimately obtain may be limited or subject to restrictions or post-approval commitments that renders our product candidate not commercially viable. For example, regulatory authorities may approve our product candidate for fewer or more limited indications than we request, may not approve the price we intend to charge for our product candidate, may grant approval contingent on the performance of costly post-marketing clinical trials, or may approve any of our product candidates with a label that does not include the labeling claims necessary or desirable for the successful commercialization of that indication. Further, the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities may place conditions on approvals or require risk management plans or a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy, or REMS, to assure the safe use of the drug. Moreover, product approvals may be withdrawn for non-compliance with regulatory standards or if problems occur following the initial marketing of the product. Any of the foregoing scenarios could materially harm the commercial success of our product candidate.

***Even if we obtain marketing approval for our product candidate, we will be subject to ongoing obligations and continued regulatory review, which may result in significant additional expense. Additionally, our product candidate could be subject to labeling and other restrictions and withdrawal from the market and we may be subject to penalties if we fail to comply with regulatory requirements or if we experience unanticipated problems with our product candidate.***

Even if we obtain regulatory approval for our product candidate for an indication, the FDA or foreign equivalent may still impose significant restrictions on its indicated uses or marketing or the conditions of approval, or impose ongoing requirements for potentially costly and time-consuming post-approval studies, including Phase 4 clinical trials, and post-market surveillance to monitor safety and efficacy. Our product candidate will also be subject to ongoing regulatory requirements governing the manufacturing, labeling, packaging, storage, distribution, safety surveillance, advertising, promotion, recordkeeping and reporting of adverse events and other post-market information. These requirements include registration with the FDA, as well as continued compliance with current good clinical practices regulations for any clinical trials that we conduct post-approval. In addition, manufacturers of drug products and their facilities are subject to continual review and periodic inspections by the FDA and other regulatory authorities for compliance with current cGMPs, requirements relating to quality control, quality assurance and corresponding maintenance of records and documents.

The FDA has the authority to require a REMS as part of an NDA or after approval, which may impose further requirements or restrictions on the distribution or use of an approved drug, such as limiting prescribing to certain physicians or medical centers that have undergone specialized training, limiting treatment to patients who meet certain safe-use criteria or requiring patient testing, monitoring and/or enrollment in a registry.

With respect to sales and marketing activities related to our product candidate, advertising and promotional materials must comply with FDA rules in addition to other applicable federal, state and local laws in the United States and similar legal requirements in other countries. In the United States, the distribution of product samples to physicians must comply with the requirements of the U.S. Prescription Drug Marketing Act. Application holders must obtain FDA approval for product and manufacturing changes, depending on the nature of the change. We may also be subject, directly or indirectly through our customers and partners, to various fraud and abuse laws, including, without limitation, the U.S. Anti-Kickback Statute, U.S. False Claims Act, and similar state laws, which impact, among other things, our proposed sales, marketing, and scientific/educational grant programs. If we participate in the U.S. Medicaid Drug Rebate Program, the Federal Supply Schedule of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or other government drug programs, we will be subject to complex laws and regulations regarding reporting and payment obligations. All of these activities are also potentially subject to U.S. federal and state consumer protection and unfair competition laws. Similar requirements exist in many of these areas in other countries.

In addition, if our product candidate is approved for a particular indication, our product labeling, advertising and promotion would be subject to regulatory requirements and continuing regulatory review. The FDA strictly regulates the promotional claims that may be made about prescription products. In particular, a product may not be promoted for uses that are not approved by the FDA as reflected in the product's approved labeling. If we receive marketing approval for our product candidate, physicians may nevertheless legally prescribe our product to their patients in a

manner that is inconsistent with the approved label. If we are found to have promoted such off-label uses, we may become subject to significant liability and government fines. The FDA and other agencies actively enforce the laws and regulations prohibiting the promotion of off-label uses, and a company that is found to have improperly promoted off-label uses may be subject to significant sanctions. The federal government has levied large civil and criminal fines against companies for alleged improper promotion and has enjoined several companies from engaging in off-label promotion. The FDA has also requested that companies enter into consent decrees of permanent injunctions under which specified promotional conduct is changed or curtailed.

If we or a regulatory agency discover previously unknown problems with a product candidate, such as adverse events of unanticipated severity or frequency, problems with the facility where the product is manufactured, or we or our manufacturers fail to comply with applicable regulatory requirements, we may be subject to the following administrative or judicial sanctions:

- restrictions on the marketing or manufacturing of the product, withdrawal of the product from the market, or voluntary or mandatory product recalls;
- issuance of warning letters or untitled letters;
- clinical holds;
- injunctions or the imposition of civil or criminal penalties or monetary fines;
- suspension or withdrawal of regulatory approval;
- suspension of any ongoing clinical trials;
- refusal to approve pending applications or supplements to approved applications filed by us, or suspension or revocation of product license approvals;
- suspension or imposition of restrictions on operations, including costly new manufacturing requirements; or
- product seizure or detention or refusal to permit the import or export of product.

The occurrence of any event or penalty described above may inhibit our ability to commercialize our product candidate and generate revenue. Adverse regulatory action, whether pre- or post-approval, can also potentially lead to product liability claims and increase our product liability exposure.

***Obtaining and maintaining regulatory approval of our product candidate in one jurisdiction does not mean that we will be successful in obtaining regulatory approval of our product candidate in other jurisdictions.***

Obtaining and maintaining regulatory approval of our product candidates in one jurisdiction does not guarantee that we will be able to obtain or maintain regulatory approval in any other jurisdiction, but a failure or delay in obtaining regulatory approval in one jurisdiction may have a negative effect on the regulatory approval process in others. For example, even if the FDA grants marketing approval of a product candidate, comparable regulatory authorities in foreign jurisdictions must also approve the manufacturing, marketing and promotion of the product candidate in those countries. Approval procedures vary among jurisdictions and can involve requirements and administrative review periods different from those in the United States, including additional preclinical studies or clinical trials, as clinical studies conducted in one jurisdiction may not be accepted by regulatory authorities in other jurisdictions. In many jurisdictions outside the United States, a product candidate must be approved for reimbursement before it can be approved for sale in that jurisdiction. In some cases, the price that we intend to charge for our products is also subject to approval.

Obtaining foreign regulatory approvals and compliance with foreign regulatory requirements could result in significant delays, difficulties and costs for us and could delay or prevent the introduction of our product candidates in certain countries. If we fail to comply with the regulatory requirements in international markets and/ or to receive applicable marketing approvals, our target market will be reduced and our ability to realize the full market potential of our product candidate will be harmed.

***Current and future legislation may increase the difficulty and cost for us to obtain marketing approval of and commercialize our product candidates and affect the prices we may obtain.***

In the United States and some foreign jurisdictions, there have been a number of legislative and regulatory changes and proposed changes regarding the healthcare system that could prevent or delay marketing approval for our product candidate, restrict or regulate post-approval activities and affect our ability to profitably sell our product candidate. Legislative and regulatory proposals have been made to expand post-approval requirements and restrict sales and promotional activities for pharmaceutical products. We do not know whether additional legislative changes will be enacted, or whether the FDA regulations, guidance or interpretations will be changed, or what the impact of such changes on the marketing approvals of our product candidate, if any, may be. In addition, increased scrutiny by the U.S. Congress of the FDA's approval process may significantly delay or prevent marketing approval, as well as subject us to more stringent product labeling and post-marketing testing and other requirements.

In the United States, the Medicare Modernization Act, or MMA, changed the way Medicare covers and pays for pharmaceutical products. The legislation expanded Medicare coverage for drug purchases by the elderly and introduced a new reimbursement methodology based on average sales prices for drugs. In addition, this legislation authorized Medicare Part D prescription drug plans to use formularies where they can limit the number of drugs that will be covered in any therapeutic class. As a result of this legislation and the expansion of federal coverage of drug products, we expect that there will be additional pressure to contain and reduce costs. These cost reduction initiatives and other provisions of this legislation could decrease the coverage and price that we receive for our product candidates and could seriously harm our business. While the MMA applies only to drug benefits for Medicare beneficiaries, private payors often follow Medicare coverage policy and payment limitations in setting their own reimbursement rates, and any reduction in reimbursement that results from the MMA may result in a similar reduction in payments from private payors.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010 or, collectively, the Health Care Reform Law, is a sweeping law intended to broaden access to health insurance, reduce or constrain the growth of healthcare spending, enhance remedies against fraud and abuse, add new transparency requirements for healthcare and health insurance industries, impose new taxes and fees on the health industry and impose additional health policy reforms. The Health Care Reform Law revised the definition of "average manufacturer price" for reporting purposes, which could increase the amount of Medicaid drug rebates to states. Further, the law imposed a significant annual fee on companies that manufacture or import branded prescription drug products.

The Health Care Reform Law remains subject to legislative efforts to repeal, modify or delay the implementation of the law. If the Health Care Reform Law is repealed or modified, or if implementation of certain aspects of the Health Care Reform Law are delayed, such repeal, modification or delay may materially adversely impact our business, strategies, prospects, operating results or financial condition. We are unable to predict the full impact of any repeal, modification or delay in the implementation of the Health Care Reform Law on us at this time. Due to the substantial regulatory changes that will need to be implemented by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, or CMS, and others, and the numerous processes required to implement these reforms, we cannot predict which healthcare initiatives will be implemented at the federal or state level, the timing of any such reforms, or the effect such reforms or any other future legislation or regulation will have on our business.

In addition, other legislative changes have been proposed and adopted in the United States since the Health Care Reform Law was enacted. We expect that additional federal healthcare reform measures will be adopted in the future, any of which could limit the amounts that federal and state governments will pay for healthcare products and services, and in turn could significantly reduce the projected value of certain development projects and reduce or eliminate our profitability.

*Any termination or suspension of, or delays in the commencement or completion of, any necessary studies of any of our product candidate for any indications could result in increased costs to us, delay or limit our ability to generate revenue and adversely affect our commercial prospects.*

The commencement and completion of clinical studies can be delayed for a number of reasons, including delays related to:

- the FDA or a comparable foreign regulatory authority failing to grant permission to proceed and placing the clinical study on hold;
- subjects for clinical testing failing to enroll or remain enrolled in our trials at the rate we expect;
- a facility manufacturing any of our product candidates being ordered by the FDA or other government or regulatory authorities to temporarily or permanently shut down due to violations of cGMP requirements or other applicable requirements, or cross-contaminations of product candidates in the manufacturing process;
- any changes to our manufacturing process that may be necessary or desired;
- subjects choosing an alternative treatment for the indications for which we are developing our product candidates, or participating in competing clinical studies;
- subjects experiencing severe or unexpected drug-related adverse effects;
- reports from clinical testing on similar technologies and products raising safety and/or efficacy concerns;
- third-party clinical investigators losing their license or permits necessary to perform our clinical trials, not performing our clinical trials on our anticipated schedule or employing methods consistent with the clinical trial protocol, cGMP requirements, or other third parties not performing data collection and analysis in a timely or accurate manner;
- inspections of clinical study sites by the FDA, comparable foreign regulatory authorities, or IRBs finding regulatory violations that require us to undertake corrective action, result in suspension or termination of one or more sites or the imposition of a clinical hold on the entire study, or that prohibit us from using some or all of the data in support of our marketing applications;
- third-party contractors becoming debarred or suspended or otherwise penalized by the FDA or other government or regulatory authorities for violations of regulatory requirements, in which case we may need to find a substitute contractor, and we may not be able to use some or any of the data produced by such contractors in support of our marketing applications;
- one or more IRBs refusing to approve, suspending or terminating the study at an investigational site, precluding enrollment of additional subjects, or withdrawing its approval of the trial; reaching agreement on acceptable terms with prospective contract research organizations, or CROs, and clinical trial sites, the terms of which can be subject to extensive negotiation and may vary significantly among different CROs and trial sites;
- deviations of the clinical sites from trial protocols or dropping out of a trial;
- adding new clinical trial sites;
- the inability of the CRO to execute any clinical trials for any reason; and
- government or regulatory delays or “clinical holds” requiring suspension or termination of a trial.

Product development costs for any of our product candidates will increase if we have delays in testing or approval or if we need to perform more or larger clinical studies than planned. Additionally, changes in regulatory requirements and policies may occur and we may need to amend study protocols to reflect these changes. Amendments may require us to resubmit our study protocols to the FDA, comparable foreign regulatory authorities, and IRBs for reexamination, which may impact the costs, timing or successful completion of that study. If we experience delays in completion of, or if we, the FDA or other regulatory authorities, the IRB, or other reviewing entities, or any of our clinical study sites suspend or terminate any of our clinical studies of any of our product candidates, its commercial

prospects may be materially harmed and our ability to generate product revenues will be delayed. Any delays in completing our clinical trials will increase our costs, slow down our development and approval process and jeopardize our ability to commence product sales and generate revenues. Any of these occurrences may harm our business, financial condition and prospects significantly. In addition, many of the factors that cause, or lead to, termination or suspension of, or a delay in the commencement or completion of, clinical studies may also ultimately lead to the denial of regulatory approval of our product candidates. In addition, if one or more clinical studies are delayed, our competitors may be able to bring competing products to market before we do, and the commercial viability of any of our affected product candidates could be significantly reduced.

***Third-party coverage and reimbursement and health care cost containment initiatives and treatment guidelines may constrain our future revenues.***

Our ability to successfully market our product candidate will depend in part on the level of reimbursement that government health administration authorities, private health coverage insurers and other organizations provide for the cost of our product candidate and related treatments. Countries in which our product candidate is sold through reimbursement schemes under national health insurance programs frequently require that manufacturers and sellers of pharmaceutical products obtain governmental approval of initial prices and any subsequent price increases. In certain countries, including the United States, government-funded and private medical care plans can exert significant indirect pressure on prices. We may not be able to sell our product candidate profitably if adequate prices are not approved or coverage and reimbursement is unavailable or limited in scope. Increasingly, third-party payors attempt to contain health care costs in ways that are likely to impact the development of our product including:

- failing to approve or challenging the prices charged for health care products;
- introducing reimportation schemes from lower priced jurisdictions;
- limiting both coverage and the amount of reimbursement for new therapeutic products;
- denying or limiting coverage for products that are approved by the regulatory agencies but are considered to be experimental or investigational by third-party payors; and
- refusing to provide coverage when an approved product is used in a way that has not received regulatory marketing approval.

***We are dependent on rights to certain technologies licensed to us. We do not have complete control over these technologies and any loss of our rights to them could prevent us from selling our product candidate.***

As noted above, the business model of our biotechnology business is entirely dependent on certain patent rights licensed to us by the Licensors. See, *Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Business — Our business model is entirely dependent on certain patent rights licensed to us from the Licensors, and the loss of those license rights would, in all likelihood, cause our business, as presently contemplated, to fail.* Because we will hold those rights as a licensee, we have limited control over certain important aspects of those patent rights. Pursuant to the patent license agreement, the Licensors have reserved the right to control all decisions concerning the prosecution and maintenance of all U.S. and foreign patents, as well as all decisions concerning the enforcement of any actions against potential infringers of the patent rights. We believe that the Licensors share a common interest in these matters with us, and the Licensors have agreed to consult with us on the prosecution and enforcement of possible infringement claims as well as other matters for which the Licensors have retained control. However, there can be no assurance that the Licensors will agree with our views as to how best to prosecute, maintain and defend the patent rights subject to the patent license agreement.

***It is difficult and costly to protect our intellectual property rights, and we cannot ensure the protection of these rights.***

The commercial success of our biotechnology business will depend, in part, on our ability to successfully defend the patent rights subject to our patent license agreement with the Licensors against third-party challenges and successfully enforcing these patent rights against third party competitors. The patent positions of pharmaceutical companies can be highly uncertain and involve complex legal, scientific and factual questions for which important legal principles remain unresolved. Changes in either the patent laws or in interpretations of patent laws may

diminish the value of our intellectual property. Accordingly, we cannot predict the breadth of claims that may be allowable or enforceable in the patent applications subject to the patent license agreement. The patents and patent applications relating to our product candidate may be challenged, invalidated or circumvented by third parties and might not protect us against competitors with similar products or technologies.

The degree of future protection afforded by the patent rights licensed to us is uncertain, because legal means afford only limited protection and may not adequately protect our rights, permit us to gain or keep our competitive advantage, or provide us with any competitive advantage at all. We cannot be certain that any patent application owned by a third party will not have priority over patent applications in which we hold license rights or that we will not be involved in interference, opposition or invalidity proceedings before United States or foreign patent offices.

Additionally, if the Licensors were to initiate legal proceedings against a third party to enforce a patent covering our product candidate, the defendant could counterclaim that such patent is invalid and/or unenforceable. In patent litigation in the United States, defendant counterclaims alleging invalidity and/or unenforceability are commonplace. Grounds for a validity challenge include alleged failures to meet any of several statutory requirements, including lack of novelty, obviousness or non-enablement. Grounds for unenforceability assertions include allegations that someone connected with prosecution of the patent withheld relevant information from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, or the U.S. PTO, or made a misleading statement, during prosecution. Third parties may also raise similar claims before administrative bodies in the United States or abroad, even outside the context of litigation. Such mechanisms include re-examination, post grant review and equivalent proceedings in foreign jurisdictions, e.g. opposition proceedings. Such proceedings could result in revocation or amendment of the Licensors' patents in such a way that they no longer cover our product candidate or competitive products. The outcome following legal assertions of invalidity and unenforceability is unpredictable. With respect to validity, for example, we cannot be certain that there is no invalidating prior art, of which the Licensors and the patent examiner were unaware during prosecution. If a defendant were to prevail on a legal assertion of invalidity and/or unenforceability, we would lose at least part, and perhaps all, of the patent protection on any of our product candidates. Such a loss of patent protection would have a material adverse impact on our business.

In the future, we may rely on know-how and trade secrets to protect technology, especially in cases in which we believe patent protection is not appropriate or obtainable. However, know-how and trade secrets are difficult to protect. While we intend to require employees, academic collaborators, consultants and other contractors to enter into confidentiality agreements, we may not be able to adequately protect our trade secrets or other proprietary or licensed information. Typically, research collaborators and scientific advisors have rights to publish data and information in which we may have rights. Enforcing a claim that a third party illegally obtained and is using any of our trade secrets is expensive and time consuming, and the outcome is unpredictable. In addition, courts are sometimes less willing to protect trade secrets than patents. Moreover, our competitors may independently develop equivalent knowledge, methods and know-how.

If we fail to obtain or maintain patent protection or trade secret protection for our product candidates or our technologies, third parties could use our proprietary information, which could impair our ability to compete in the market and adversely affect our ability to generate revenues and attain profitability.

***It is difficult and costly to block others from developing similar products for other indications, and we cannot ensure that these products will not be less expensive and thus be prescribed off-label by physicians for use in our indications.***

Our success depends on successfully blocking others from developing and commercializing similar products. As a repurposed drug, our API has been approved for acute use in cyanide poisoning. Although the injectable used for cyanide poisoning does not represent a threat to our product, since the API itself cannot be protected, we will rely on method of use and oral formulation patents to protect our product which puts our product at risk from companies developing oral formulations using the same API for other indications. Even though our patents provide protection for specific uses, we will not be able to prevent other companies from developing the same API for other uses. If a similar dose, formulation and route of administration is developed for another indication by a different company, we cannot guarantee that the product they market for the other indication will not be prescribed off-label by doctors or filled by pharmacists for use in indications our patents cover and that if less expensive, would not negatively affect our sales, if our product is ultimately approved by the FDA.

***Our product candidate may infringe the intellectual property rights of others, which could increase our costs and delay or prevent our development and commercialization efforts.***

Our success depends in part on avoiding infringement of the proprietary technologies of others. The pharmaceutical industry has been characterized by frequent litigation regarding patent and other intellectual property rights. Identification of third-party patent rights that may be relevant to our proprietary technology is difficult because patent searching is imperfect due to differences in terminology among patents, incomplete databases and the difficulty in assessing the meaning of patent claims. Additionally, because patent applications are maintained in secrecy until the application is published, we may be unaware of third-party patents that may be infringed by commercialization of our product candidate or any future product candidate. There may be certain issued patents and patent applications claiming subject matter that we may be required to license in order to research, develop or commercialize any of our product candidates, and we do not know if such patents and patent applications would be available to license on commercially reasonable terms, or at all. Any claims of patent infringement asserted by third parties would be time-consuming and may:

- result in costly litigation;
- divert the time and attention of our technical personnel and management;
- prevent us from commercializing a product until the asserted patent expires or is held finally invalid or not infringed in a court of law;
- require us to cease or modify our use of the technology and/or develop non-infringing technology; or
- require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements.

Third parties may hold proprietary rights that could prevent our product candidate from being marketed. Any patent-related legal action against us claiming damages and seeking to enjoin commercial activities relating to any of our product candidates or our processes could subject us to potential liability for damages and require us to obtain a license to continue to manufacture or market our product candidate or any future product candidates. We cannot predict whether we would prevail in any such actions or that any license required under any of these patents would be made available on commercially acceptable terms, if at all. In addition, we cannot be sure that we could redesign our product candidate or any future product candidates or processes to avoid infringement, if necessary. Accordingly, an adverse determination in a judicial or administrative proceeding, or the failure to obtain necessary licenses, could prevent us from developing and commercializing our product candidate or a future product candidate, which could harm our business, financial condition and operating results.

We expect that there are other companies, including major pharmaceutical companies, working in the areas competitive to our product candidates which either has resulted, or may result, in the filing of patent applications that may be deemed related to our activities. If we were to challenge the validity of these or any issued United States patent in court, we would need to overcome a statutory presumption of validity that attaches to every issued United States patent. This means that, in order to prevail, we would have to present clear and convincing evidence as to the invalidity of the patent's claims. If we were to challenge the validity of these or any issued United States patent in an administrative trial before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board in the U.S. PTO, we would have to prove that the claims are unpatentable by a preponderance of the evidence. There is no assurance that a jury and/or court would find in our favor on questions of infringement, validity or enforceability. Even if we are successful, litigation could result in substantial costs and be a distraction to management.

***We may be subject to claims that we have wrongfully hired an employee from a competitor or that we or our employees have wrongfully used or disclosed alleged confidential information or trade secrets of their former employers.***

As is commonplace in our industry, we will employ individuals who were previously employed at other pharmaceutical companies, including our competitors or potential competitors. Although no claims against us are currently pending, we may be subject in the future to claims that our employees or prospective employees are subject to a continuing obligation to their former employers (such as non-competition or non-solicitation obligations) or claims that our employees or we have inadvertently or otherwise used or disclosed trade secrets or other proprietary information of their former employers. Litigation may be necessary to defend against

these claims. Even if we are successful in defending against these claims, litigation could result in substantial costs and be a distraction to management.

### **Risks Relating to Our Recycling Business**

#### ***Our revenues, earnings and cash flows will fluctuate based on changes in commodity prices.***

Our recycling operations process for sale certain recyclable materials, including steel, aluminium, and copper, all of which are subject to significant market price fluctuations. The majority of the recyclables we process for sale are steel and non-ferrous metals. The fluctuations in the market prices or demand for such commodity items, particularly demand from China and Turkey, can affect our future operating income and cash flows negatively, such as we experienced in 2015 and 2014. As we have increased the size of our recycling operations, we have also increased our exposure to commodity price fluctuations.

In the past we also earned a significant amount of revenue from the sale of carbon credits. The creation of carbon offsets involves a consultant's establishment of a project that includes the successful destruction of the Company's ozone-depleting refrigerants. The project process involves a significant degree of regulatory compliance and only a limited number of facilities are approved to destroy ozone-depleting refrigerants. While we no longer sell carbon credits, we currently sell our ozone-depleting refrigerants to consultants that manage the creation of carbon offsets, and we no longer engage in the production process itself. If we are unable to find businesses that purchase ozone-depleting refrigerants for the creation of carbon offsets or if the carbon credit programs are significantly altered or discontinued or a governmental authority requires the destruction of refrigerants, thereby reducing or eliminating the market for these refrigerants, we would be required to destroy these substances without the benefit of selling them to other companies that generate carbon offsets, which would increase the costs of our operations and result in a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

#### ***We purchase our replacement appliances from third-party manufacturers, who we believe manufacture those appliances in China, and, as a result, international trade conditions could adversely affect us.***

We purchase our replacement appliances from third-party manufacturers, who we believe manufacture certain types of those appliances in China or purchase materials or parts from China for use in manufacturing. As a result, tariffs, political or financial instability, labor strikes, natural disasters, public health crises (such as the coronavirus), or other events resulting in the disruption of trade or transportation from China or the imposition of additional regulations relating to foreign trade could cause significant delays or interruptions in the supply of our merchandise or increase our costs, either of which could have an adverse effect on our business. If we were unable to adequately replace the merchandise we currently source with merchandise produced elsewhere, our business could be adversely affected.

The United States has recently imposed tariffs on various imports from China, including some of our replacement appliances. Since the imposition of these tariffs, third-party manufacturers have increased the price of the appliances we purchase from them and retain the right to implement further increases. These tariffs remain largely unmitigated and the Company cannot predict if and when the tariffs will be reduced or eliminated. The ongoing impact of these tariffs will depend on future trade discussions between the U.S. and China or the Company's ability to avoid or offset these costs should the tariffs remain in place. The Company may not be able to pass such increased costs on to its customers, and the Company may not be able to secure sources of certain products and materials that are not subject to tariffs on a timely basis or at all. Such developments could have a material adverse impact on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### ***If our third-party collection or delivery services are unable to meet our promised pickup and delivery schedules, our net sales may decline due to a decline in customer satisfaction.***

We offer appliance pickup and delivery services, which are significantly outsourced to third-party providers. Our third-party services are subject to risks that are beyond our control. If appliances are not picked up on time, or at all, or products are not delivered on time, our clients and customers may cancel their orders, or we may lose business from our clients and customers in the future. As a result, our net sales and profitability may decline.

***Our sales may not be an indication of our future results of operations because they fluctuate significantly.***

Our current and historical sales figures have fluctuated significantly from quarter to quarter. A number of factors have historically affected, and will continue to affect, our sales results and profitability, including:

- Changes in competition, such as pricing pressure.
- Periodic sale of ozone-depleting refrigerants used in the creation of carbon offsets.
- Fluctuating commodity prices and available markets for our byproduct sales.
- Changes in recycling and replacement programs with utility customers.
- General economic conditions.
- Weather conditions in our markets.
- Timing of promotional events.
- Our ability to execute our business strategies effectively.

***Our business is dependent on the general economic conditions in our markets.***

In general, our sales depend on general economic factors and other conditions that may affect our business, include periods of slow economic growth or recession, political factors including uncertainty in social or fiscal policy, an overly anti-business climate or sentiment, volatility and/or lack of liquidity from time to time in U.S. and world financial markets and the consequent reduced availability and/or higher cost of borrowing for us and our customers, increasing fuel and energy costs, inflation or deflation of commodity prices, natural disasters, and acts of terrorism and developments in the war against terrorism. Additionally, any of these circumstances concentrated in a region of the U.S. in which we operate could have a material adverse effect on our net sales and results of operations. General economic conditions and discretionary spending are beyond our control and are affected by, among other things:

- The housing and home improvement markets.
- Gasoline and fuel prices.
- Interest rates and inflation.
- Foreign currency exchange rates.
- Natural disasters.
- National and geopolitical concerns.
- Tax rates and tax policy.
- Other matters that influence business confidence and spending.
- Commodity prices.

Volatility in financial markets may cause some of the above factors to change with an even greater degree of frequency and magnitude. The above factors could result in slowdown in the economy or an uncertain economic outlook, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

***If we fail to hire, train and retain key management, qualified managers, other employees and subcontracted agents, we could have difficulty implementing our business strategy, which may result in reduced net sales, operating margins and profitability.***

If we are unable to attract and retain qualified personnel as needed in the future, our level of customer service may decline, which may decrease our net sales and profitability. Other factors that impact our ability to maintain sufficient levels of qualified employees and agents in all areas of the business include, but are not limited to, the Company's reputation, worker morale, the current macroeconomic environment, competition from other employers, and our ability to offer adequate compensation packages. Adverse changes in health care costs could also adversely

impact our ability to achieve our operational and financial goals and to offer attractive benefit programs to our employees. Our ability to control labor costs, which may impact our ability to hire and retain qualified personnel, is subject to numerous external factors, including prevailing wage rates, the impact of legislation or regulations governing healthcare benefits or labor relations and health and other insurance costs. If our labor and/or benefit costs increase, we may not be able to hire or maintain qualified personnel to the extent necessary to execute our competitive strategy, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

***We are subject to certain statutory, regulatory and legal developments that could have a material adverse impact on our business.***

Our statutory, regulatory and legal environment exposes us to complex compliance and litigation risks that could materially adversely affect our operations and financial results. The most significant compliance and litigation risks we face are:

- The difficulty of complying with sometimes conflicting statutes and regulations in local, state and national jurisdictions;
- The impact of proposed, new or changing statutes and regulations, including, but not limited to, corporate governance matters, environmental impact, financial reform, Health Insurance Portability and Accounting Act, health care reform, labor reform, and/or other as yet unknown legislation that could affect how we operate and execute our strategies as well as alter our expense structure.
- The impact of changes in tax laws (or interpretations thereof by courts and taxing authorities) and accounting standards.
- The impact of litigation, including class action or individual lawsuits involving shareholders, and labor and employment litigation related matters.
- Changes in trade regulations, currency fluctuations, economic or political instability, natural disasters, public health emergencies and other factors beyond our control may increase the cost of items we purchase or create shortages of these items, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our cost of revenues, or may force us to increase prices, thereby adversely impacting net sales and profitability.

We are involved in a number of legal proceedings that arise from time to time in the ordinary course of business. Litigation is inherently unpredictable, and the outcome of some of these proceedings and other contingencies could require us to take or refrain from taking action which, in either case, could adversely affect our operations or reduce our net income. There can be no assurance that any litigation to which we are a party will be resolved in our favor. Any claim that is successfully decided against us may cause us to pay substantial damages, including punitive damages. Additionally, defending against regulatory changes, lawsuits and proceedings may involve significant expense and diversion of management's attention and resources from other matters which could adversely affect our results of operations.

***Significant shortages in diesel fuel supply or increases in diesel fuel prices will increase our operating expenses.***

The price and supply of diesel fuel can fluctuate significantly based on international, political and economic circumstances, as well as other factors outside our control, such as actions by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries ("OPEC") and other oil and gas producers, regional production patterns, weather conditions and environmental concerns. Our collection and delivery agents need diesel fuel to run a significant portion of our collection and delivery of appliance activities. Supply shortages could substantially increase our operating expenses. Additionally, if fuel prices increase, our direct operating expenses will increase and many of our vendors may raise their prices as a means to offset their rising costs. We may not be able to pass through all of our increased costs to our customers and some contracts prohibit any pass-through of the increased costs.

***Our revenues from recycling and appliance replacement contracts are very difficult to project and the loss or modification of major recycling and appliance replacement contracts could adversely impact our profits.***

Our business is dependent largely upon our ability to obtain new contracts and continue existing contracts for appliance recycling services and appliance replacement programs with utility companies and other sponsors of energy efficiency programs. Contracts with these entities generally have initial terms of one to three years, with renewal options and early termination clauses. However, some contracts are for programs that are non-recurring. Although we continue to respond to utility companies and other sponsors of energy efficiency programs requesting bids for upcoming recycling and replacement services, we are still dependent on certain customers for a large portion of our revenues. The loss or material reduction of business from any of these major customers could adversely affect our revenues and profitability. While we wish to add new recycling and appliance replacement contracts in 2020 and beyond, we cannot assure you that our existing contracts will continue, that they will be sufficiently profitable, that existing customers will continue to use our services at current levels or we will be successful in obtaining new recycling and replacement contracts going forward.

***Our revenues from recycling contracts are subject to seasonal fluctuations and are dependent on the utilities' advertising and promotional activities for contracts in which we do not provide advertising services.***

In our business with utility companies, we experience seasonal fluctuations that impact our operating results. Our recycling revenues are generally higher during the second and third calendar quarters and lower in the first and fourth calendar quarters, due largely to the promotional activity schedules of which we have no control in advertising programs managed by the utilities. Our staff communicates client-driven advertising activities internally in an effort to achieve an operational balance. We expect that we will continue to experience such seasonal fluctuations in recycling revenues.

***We may need new capital to fully execute our growth strategy.***

Our business involves providing comprehensive, integrated appliance recycling and replacement services. This commitment will require a significant continuing investment in capital equipment and leasehold improvements and could require additional investment in real estate.

Our total capital requirements will depend on, among the other things discussed in this annual report and the number of recycling centers operating during 2020 and thereafter. Currently, we have eleven recycling centers in operation. If our revenues are lower than anticipated, our expenses are higher than anticipated or our line of credit cannot be maintained, we will require additional capital to finance our operations. Even if we are able to maintain our lines of credit, we may need additional equity or other capital in the future. Sources of additional financing, if needed in the future, may include further debt financing or the sale of equity (including the issuance of preferred stock) or other securities. We cannot assure you that any additional sources of financing or new capital will be available to us, available on acceptable terms or permitted by the terms of our current debt agreements. In addition, if we sell additional equity to raise funds, all outstanding shares of common stock will be diluted.

***Changes in governmental regulations relating to our recycling business could increase our costs of operations and adversely affect our business.***

Our appliance recycling centers are subject to various federal, state and local laws, regulations and licensing requirements related to providing turnkey services for energy efficiency programs. These requirements vary by market location and include, for example, laws concerning the management of hazardous materials and the 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act, which require us to recapture CFC refrigerants from appliances to prevent their release into the atmosphere.

Our ability to generate revenue from the sale of refrigerants to produce carbon offsets created through the voluntary destruction of ozone-depleting refrigerants could also be adversely affected by governmental regulations as the market develops. Should the federal government mandate the destruction of ozone-depleting refrigerants in the future, we would be required to destroy these substances without the benefit of selling them to generate carbon offsets, which would increase the cost of our operations.

We have registered our centers with the EPA as hazardous waste generators and have obtained required licenses from appropriate state and local authorities. We have agreements with approved and licensed hazardous waste

companies for transportation and recycling or disposal of hazardous materials generated through our recycling processes. As is the case with all companies handling hazardous materials, under some circumstances we may be subject to contingent liability. We believe we are in compliance with all government regulations regarding the handling of hazardous materials, and we have environmental insurance to mitigate the impact of any potential contingent liability.

In addition, changes and proposed changes by the Trump Administration and the head of the EPA indicate that the regulation of the emission of certain gases, commonly referred to as “greenhouse gases,” and other ozone-depleting substances may be less of a priority. In addition, the Trump Administration and head of the EPA have announced that they intend to rescind or have already rescinded various environmental regulations established and enforced by previous administrations. As a result, further regulatory, legislative and judicial developments are difficult to predict. Even if federal environmental efforts slow, states may continue pursuing new regulations. These changes by the Trump Administration and the EPA, together with other proposed changes, could adversely affect our results of operations.

#### **Risks Relating to Our Technology Business**

***GeoTraq has incurred significant operating losses since inception and expects the losses will continue into the future. If the losses continue GeoTraq may have to suspend operations or cease operations.***

GeoTraq has no operating history upon which an evaluation of its future success or failure can be made. GeoTraq has incurred significant operating losses since inception and has limited financial resources to support it until such time that it is able to generate positive cash flow from operations. GeoTraq’s ability to achieve and maintain profitability and positive cash flow is dependent upon its ability to (i) develop its technology and (ii) generate revenues from its planned business operations. Based upon current plans, GeoTraq expects to continue to incur operating losses in future periods. Failure to generate revenues may cause GeoTraq to suspend or cease operations.

***GeoTraq is in the early stages of development.***

GeoTraq is developing a new technology and may encounter difficulties including unanticipated problems relating to the development and testing of its product, initial and continuing regulatory compliance, vendor manufacturing costs, production and assembly of its product, and the competitive and regulatory environments in which the company intends to operate. It is uncertain, at this stage of its development, if GeoTraq is unable to effectively resolve any such problems, should they occur. If GeoTraq cannot resolve an unanticipated problem, it may be forced to modify or abandon its business plan.

***GeoTraq does not have sufficient funds to complete each phase of its proposed plan of operation and as a result may have to suspend operations.***

Each of the phases of GeoTraq’s plan of operation is limited and restricted by the amount of working capital that GeoTraq has and is able to obtain from the Company, raise from financings, and generate from business operations. Initially, GeoTraq intended to finance its plan of operation with funds from the Company and private loans, and, subsequently, with revenues generated from its business operations

Based on latest worst-case projections, GeoTraq will not generate revenues and positive cashflows from operations to satisfy its cash requirements for the next 12 months and will be required to obtain the funds from the Company or raise the required funds by way of equity or debt financing. However, these projections do expect that GeoTraq will generate sufficient revenues and cash flows from operations to satisfy its cash requirements within the next couple of years without ARCA funding assistance. Based on this, the likelihood that GeoTraq may have to suspend operations is remote.

***GeoTraq outsources the research and development of its technology, and as a result it is dependent upon those third-party developers to develop our products in a timely and cost-efficient manner while maintaining a minimum level of quality.***

GeoTraq does not have internal manufacturing capabilities and relies on contract manufacturers to manufacture and develop its products. GeoTraq cannot be certain that it will not experience operational difficulties with its future manufacturers, including reductions in the availability of production capacity, errors in complying with product

specifications, insufficient quality control, failures to meet production deadlines, increases in manufacturing costs and increased lead times. Additionally, GeoTraq's future manufacturers may experience disruptions in their manufacturing operations due to equipment breakdowns, labor strikes or shortages, component or material shortages, cost increases or other similar problems. Further, in order to minimize their inventory risk, GeoTraq's future manufacturers might not order components from third-party suppliers with adequate lead time, thereby impacting its ability to meet demand forecasts. Therefore, if GeoTraq fails to manage its relationship with its manufacturers effectively, or if they experience operational difficulties, GeoTraq's ability to ship products could be impaired and its competitive position and reputation could be harmed.

In the event that GeoTraq receives shipments of products that fail to comply with its technical specifications or that fail to conform to its quality control standards, and it is not able to obtain replacement products in a timely manner, GeoTraq risks revenue losses from the inability to sell those products, increased administrative and shipping costs, and lower profitability. Additionally, if defects are not discovered until after customers purchase its products, GeoTraq customers could lose confidence in the technical attributes of its products and its business could be harmed.

GeoTraq will not control its future contract manufacturers or suppliers, including their labor, environmental or other practices, or require them to comply with a formal code of conduct. However, GeoTraq intends to conduct periodic audits of its contract manufacturers' and suppliers' compliance with applicable laws and good industry practices, these audits may not be frequent or thorough enough to detect non-compliance. A violation of labor, environmental or other laws by its contract manufacturers or suppliers, or a failure of these parties to follow ethical business practices, could lead to negative publicity and harm GeoTraq's reputation. In addition, GeoTraq may choose to seek alternative manufacturers or suppliers if these violations or failures were to occur. Identifying and qualifying new manufacturers or suppliers can be time consuming and GeoTraq may not be able to substitute suitable alternatives in a timely manner or at an acceptable cost. Other consumer products companies have faced significant criticism for the actions of their manufacturers and suppliers, and GeoTraq could face such criticism as well. Any of these events could adversely affect its brand, harm its reputation, reduce demand for its products and harm its ability to meet demand if it needs to identify alternative manufacturers or suppliers.

***GeoTraq's success depends on sales and adoption of its technology for asset tracking and theft recovery.***

GeoTraq's revenue, if any, will be derived from module sales and recurring fees that GeoTraq receives from resellers that support end users who purchase and activate a Mobile IoT product using the company's technology. Depending on the products created by companies that use its Mobile IoT module, GeoTraq will receive recurring revenue based on the number of activations and ongoing monthly service. GeoTraq's short term success depends heavily on achieving significantly increased customer adoption of its Technology either through stand alone or integrated products. GeoTraq's success also depends on achieving widespread deployment of the Technology by attracting and retaining additional manufacturing partners. The use of the Technology will depend on the pricing, quality and features of the Mobile IoT module to be integrated into location-based products which may vary by market, as well as the level of subscriber turnover experienced by cellular subscriptions. If subscriber turnover increases more than management anticipates, GeoTraq's financial results could be adversely affected.

***Cellular service providers on which GeoTraq's technology is dependent may change the terms by which the technology is used on their networks, which could result in lower revenue and adverse effects on our business.***

If the cellular service providers on which GeoTraq's technology is to be used changes the terms of use or eliminates the ability to use products that incorporate GeoTraq's technology, GeoTraq could lose customers as they would no longer be able to use GeoTraq's technology in their products. In addition, GeoTraq could be required to change its fee structure to retain customers, which could negatively affect GeoTraq's gross margins. The cellular service providers may also decide to raise prices, impose usage caps or fees, or discontinue certain application bundles, which could adversely affect end users who use GeoTraq's technology. If imposed, these pricing changes or usage restrictions could make GeoTraq's technology less attractive and could result in current end users abandoning GeoTraq's technology. If end user turnover increased, the number of GeoTraq's end users and GeoTraq's revenue would decrease and its business would be harmed.

***GeoTraq's ability to increase or maintain its customer base and revenue will be impaired if cellular service providers do not allow GeoTraq Technology access to their networks.***

GeoTraq's technology requires cellular service to operate. The products produced by manufactures will require end users to maintain service with cellular service providers. If cellular service providers do not permit end users to purchase the cellular connectivity the product requires, GeoTraq may have difficulty attracting manufacturing customers because of the lack of, or difficulty in purchasing and provisioning a service plan. If the end user is unable to provide seamless provisioning or the carrier cancels their subscriptions, GeoTraq's business may be harmed.

***GeoTraq may not be able to enhance its technology to keep pace with technological and market developments or develop new technology in a timely manner or at competitive prices.***

The market for location-based products and services is characterized by rapid technological change, evolving industry standards, frequent new product introductions and short product life cycles. To keep pace with technological developments, satisfy increasing customer requirements and achieve product acceptance, GeoTraq's future success depends upon its ability to enhance its current technology and to continue to develop and introduce new technology and enhanced performance features and functionality on a timely basis at competitive prices. GeoTraq's inability, for technological or other reasons, to enhance, develop, introduce or deliver compelling technology in a timely manner, or at all, in response to changing market conditions, technologies or consumer expectations could have a material adverse effect on GeoTraq's operating results or could result in its Technology becoming obsolete. GeoTraq's ability to compete successfully will depend in large measure on its ability to maintain a technically skilled development and engineering team and to adapt to technological changes and advances in the industry, including providing for the continued compatibility of its technology with evolving industry standards and protocols and competitive network operating environments. Development and delivery schedules for newly developed technology are difficult to predict. GeoTraq in the past, and may in the future, fail to deliver new versions of its technology in a timely fashion. If new releases of GeoTraq's Technology are delayed or not integrated into products upon their initial commercial release, the manufactures may curtail their efforts to market and promote GeoTraq's technology and may switch to competing products or services, any of which would result in a delay or loss of revenue and could harm GeoTraq's business. In addition, GeoTraq cannot provide any assurance that the technology it develops will be brought to market as quickly as anticipated or that the technology will achieve broad acceptance among wireless carriers or consumers.

***If GeoTraq is unable to develop or modify its technology for new customer products, GeoTraq's revenue growth may be adversely affected and its net income could decline.***

If GeoTraq does not develop or modify its technology for new products envisioned or introduced by our future customers to increase the number of customer end users who use GeoTraq's technology, GeoTraq may not be able to increase its revenue in the longer term. GeoTraq's sales and marketing efforts may not be successful in establishing relationships with new customers. If GeoTraq fails to develop or modify its technology to attract new customers and new subscribers or its new Technology is not successful, GeoTraq may be unable to increase its revenue and its operating results may be adversely affected.

***GeoTraq's business may suffer if it is alleged or determined that its technology or another aspect of its business infringes the intellectual property rights of others.***

The markets in which GeoTraq competes are characterized by the existence of a large number of patents and trade secrets and also by litigation based on allegations of infringement or other violations of intellectual property rights. Moreover, in recent years, individuals and groups have purchased patents and other intellectual property assets for the purpose of making claims of infringement to extract settlements from companies like GeoTraq. Also, third parties may make infringement claims against GeoTraq that relate to technology developed and owned by one of its suppliers for which its suppliers may or may not indemnify GeoTraq. Even if GeoTraq is indemnified against such costs, the indemnifying party may be unable to uphold its contractual obligations and determining the scope of these obligations could require additional litigation. Claims of intellectual property infringement against GeoTraq or its suppliers might require GeoTraq to redesign its products, rebrand its services, enter into costly settlement or license agreements, pay costly damage awards or face a temporary or permanent injunction prohibiting GeoTraq from marketing or selling its products or services. If GeoTraq cannot or does not license the infringed intellectual property on reasonable terms or at all, or substitute similar intellectual property from another source, its revenue and operating results could be adversely impacted. Additionally, GeoTraq's customers, distributors and retailers may not

purchase its offerings if they are concerned that they may infringe third-party intellectual property rights. Responding to such claims, regardless of their merit, can be time consuming, costly to defend in litigation, divert management's attention and resources, damage GeoTraq's reputation and brand and cause it to incur significant expenses. The occurrence of any of these events may have an adverse effect on GeoTraq's business, financial condition and operating results.

***GeoTraq faces significant competition and failure to successfully compete in the industry with established companies may result in GeoTraq's inability to continue with its business operations.***

There are other companies that provide similar products and services. Management expects competition in this market to increase significantly as new companies enter the market and current competitors expand their products and services. GeoTraq's competitors may develop or offer technology or products that are better than GeoTraq's or that achieve greater market acceptance. It is also possible that new competitors may emerge and acquire significant market share. Competitive pressures created by any one of these companies, or by GeoTraq's competitors collectively, could have a negative impact on GeoTraq's business, results of operations and financial condition and as a result, GeoTraq may not be able to continue with its business operations. In addition, if GeoTraq is unable to develop and introduce new or enhanced products and services quickly enough to respond to market or user requirements or to comply with emerging industry standards, or if these products do not achieve market acceptance, GeoTraq may not be able to compete effectively.

Many of GeoTraq's competitors have greater name recognition, larger customer bases and significantly greater financial, technical, marketing, public relations, sales, distribution and other resources than GeoTraq. Some of GeoTraq's competitors and its potential competitors' advantages over GeoTraq, either globally or in particular geographic markets, include the following: (a) offering their services at no or low cost to customers; (b) significantly greater revenue and financial resources; (c) stronger brand and consumer recognition regionally or worldwide; (d) the capacity to leverage their marketing expenditures across a broader portfolio of location based technologies and products; (e) access to core technology and intellectual property, including more extensive patent portfolios; (f) access to custom or proprietary content; (g) quicker pace of innovation; (h) stronger wireless carrier relationships; (i) greater resources to make and integrate acquisitions; (j) lower labor and development costs; and (k) broader global distribution and presence.

***GeoTraq products require FCC approval, and possibly approvals from other international and domestic government regulatory agencies, that may not be approved. In addition, our technology could be affected by other existing laws or regulations or future legislative or regulatory changes that may affect our business.***

Prior to the sale by GeoTraq of the Mobile IoT Modules, other than business and operations licenses applicable to most commercial ventures, GeoTraq is not required to obtain any governmental approval for its business operations. In order to sell its Mobile IoT Modules, GeoTraq believes that Part 15b of the FCC rules apply to such sales. GeoTraq employed FCC accredited testing laboratories to verify and certify that the Mobile IoT Modules comply with all regulatory requirements prior to the sale of the Mobile IoT Modules. Such testing confirmed that the Mobile IoT Modules satisfied the requirements of Part 15b of the FCC rules. GeoTraq is taking advantage of a FCC Supplier Declaration of Conformity, or SDOC, allowing the company to rely on the approval given by the FCC to the chipset manufactured by Sequans Communications S.A. ("Sequans"). If the FCC withdraws the approval given by it to the Sequans chipset, GeoTraq will be unable to market and sell its products and, as a result, the financial results of GeoTraq and the Company could be materially and adversely affected. In addition, if GeoTraq determines to market and sell its products outside of the United States, the regulatory agencies in designated countries may require GeoTraq to submit its products for compliance testing and seek local government regulatory licenses and approvals. It is possible that the company's products may not successfully complete required compliance tests or that local country regulatory agencies may withhold the issuance of certifications or approval required for GeoTraq to market and sell its products in that country, and, as a result, the financial results of GeoTraq and the Company could be materially and adversely affected.

***GeoTraq may be subject to legal proceedings involving its technology that could result in substantial costs and which could materially harm GeoTraq's business operations.***

From time to time, GeoTraq may be subject to legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of its business, including claims of alleged infringement of the trademarks and other intellectual property rights of third parties by

GeoTraq. These types of claims could result in increased costs of doing business through legal expenses, adverse judgments or settlements or require GeoTraq to change its business practices in expensive ways. Additional litigation may be necessary in the future to enforce GeoTraq's technology rights, to protect its trade secrets or to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others. Any litigation, regardless of outcome or merit, could result in substantial costs and diversion of management and technical resources, any of which could materially harm GeoTraq's business.

***GeoTraq may not be able to attract and retain qualified personnel necessary for the development of its technology and implementation of its proposed plan of operations.***

GeoTraq's future success depends largely upon the continued service of its board members, executive officers and other key personnel. GeoTraq's success also depends on its ability to continue to attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel. Key personnel represent a significant asset, and the competition for these personnel is intense in the communications industry.

GeoTraq may have particular difficulty attracting and retaining key personnel in initial phases of its proposed plan of operations. GeoTraq does not maintain key person life insurance on any of its personnel. The loss of one or more of its key employees or its inability to attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel could negatively impact GeoTraq's ability to complete any proposed phase of its plan of operations.

***GeoTraq's management lacks any formal training or experience in offshore manufacturing and supply chain management, and as a result management may make mistakes, which could have a negative impact on GeoTraq's business operations.***

GeoTraq's management, led by Pierre Parent, Chief Technology Officer and General Manager, is experienced in researching and developing technology. Management breadth of experience spans product development, sales and business development, project management and the leadership of engineering from concept through manufacturing. As a result, the risk that GeoTraq lacks experience and may have to suspend or cease business operations is remote.

***GeoTraq's business and products are subject to a variety of additional U.S. and foreign laws and regulations that are central to our business and its failure to comply with these laws and regulations could harm our business or our operating results.***

GeoTraq is or may become subject to a variety of laws and regulations in the United States and abroad that involve matters central to its business, including laws and regulations regarding consumer protection, advertising, privacy, intellectual property, manufacturing, anti-bribery and anti-corruption, and economic or other trade prohibitions or sanctions.

GeoTraq's modules are subject to regulation by various U.S. state and federal and foreign agencies, including the Federal Communications Commission. If GeoTraq fails to comply with any of these regulations, it could become subject to enforcement actions or the imposition of significant monetary fines, other penalties, or claims, which could harm its operating results or its ability to conduct its business.

**Risks Relating to Our Common Stock**

***Our principal shareholders own a large percentage of our voting stock, which will allow them to control substantially all matters requiring shareholder approval.***

Currently, Isaac Capital Group, LLC and Timothy Matula own approximately 19.7% and 5.7%, respectively, of our outstanding shares of common stock. Three of our current directors are also on the board of directors of Live Ventures Incorporated, a publicly held corporation controlled by Isaac Capital Group, LLC and led by Jon Isaac as its President and Chief Executive Officer. Jon Isaac is the son of our Chief Executive Officer Tony Isaac. Because of such ownership, our principal shareholders may be able to significantly, and possibly adversely, affect our corporate decisions, including the election of the board of directors.

***Future sales of shares of our common stock in the public market and the conversion of shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock may negatively affect our stock price.***

Future sales of our common stock, or the perception that these sales could occur, and the actual conversion of shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the “Series A Preferred Stock”), which was approved by our shareholders at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders on October 23, 2018, could have a significant negative effect on the market price of our common stock. In addition, upon exercise of outstanding options, the number of shares outstanding of our common stock could increase substantially. This increase, in turn, could dilute future earnings per share, if any, and could depress the market value of our common stock. Dilution and potential dilution, the availability of a large amount of shares for sale and/or that may be issued upon conversion, and the possibility of additional issuances and sales of our common stock, may negatively affect both the trading price and liquidity of our common stock. These sales and the possibility of conversion of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock also might make it more difficult for us to raise capital through the sale of equity securities or equity-related securities in the future at a time and price that we would deem appropriate.

***The trading volumes in our common stock are highly variable, which could adversely affect the value and liquidity of your investment in our common stock.***

There is a limited trading market for our common stock, which is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market. Transactions in our common stock may lack the volume and liquidity necessary to maintain an orderly trading market and this could result in both depressed and highly variable trading prices. Sales or issuances of substantial amounts of common stock into the public market, including issuances of shares of common stock upon conversion of shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, at the same time could adversely affect the market price of our common stock. The trading volume and market price of our common stock could also be adversely affected if we do not maintain our listing on the NASDAQ Capital Market.

Our stock price may fluctuate and be volatile.

The market price of our common stock may be subject to significant fluctuations due to the following factors, among others:

- Variations in our financial results.
- Changes in accounting standards, policies, guidance or interpretations.
- Sales of substantial amounts of our stock by existing shareholders.
- Conversion of shares of our Series A Preferred Stock.
- General economic conditions.

These broad fluctuations in the stock markets may also cause the price of our common stock to fall abruptly or remain significantly depressed.

In the past, securities class action litigation has often been brought against a company, including us, following periods of volatility in the market price of its securities. Such lawsuits generally result in the diversion of management’s time and attention away from business operations, which could harm our business. In addition, the costs of defense and any damages resulting from litigation, a ruling against us, or a settlement of the litigation could adversely affect our financial results.

***We do not intend to declare dividends on our stock in the foreseeable future.***

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock. We currently intend to retain all future earnings, if any, for the operation and expansion of our business and, therefore, do not anticipate declaring or paying cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Any payment of cash dividends on our common stock will be at the discretion of our board of directors, will require approval by our lender and will depend upon our results of operations, earnings, capital requirements, financial condition, future prospects, contractual restrictions

and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors. Therefore, dividend income should not be expected from shares of our common stock.

*The Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) contain provisions that could discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of our company, prevent attempts to replace or remove current management and reduce the market price of our stock.*

Provisions in our articles of incorporation and bylaws may discourage, delay or prevent a merger or acquisition involving us that our stockholders may consider favorable. For example, our articles of incorporation authorize our board of directors to issue up to two million shares of “blank check” preferred stock. As a result, without further stockholder approval, the board of directors has the authority to attach special rights, including voting and dividend rights, to this preferred stock. With these rights, preferred stockholders could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us.

We are also subject to the anti-takeover provisions of the NRS. Depending on the number of residents in the state of Nevada who own our shares, we could be subject to the provisions of Sections 78.378 et seq. of the Nevada Revised Statutes which, unless otherwise provided in the Company’s articles of incorporation or by-laws, restricts the ability of an acquiring person to obtain a controlling interest of 20% or more of our voting shares. Our articles of incorporation and by-laws do not contain any provision which would currently keep the change of control restrictions of Section 78.378 from applying to us.

We are subject to the provisions of Sections 78.411 et seq. of the Nevada Revised Statutes. In general, this statute prohibits a publicly held Nevada corporation from engaging in a “combination” with an “interested stockholder” for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder, unless the combination or the transaction by which the person became an interested stockholder is approved by the corporation’s board of directors before the person becomes an interested stockholder. After the expiration of the three-year period, the corporation may engage in a combination with an interested stockholder under certain circumstances, including if the combination is approved by the board of directors and/or stockholders in a prescribed manner, or if specified requirements are met regarding consideration. The term “combination” includes mergers, asset sales and other transactions resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. Subject to certain exceptions, an “interested stockholder” is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns, or within three years did own, 10% or more of the corporation’s voting stock. A Nevada corporation may “opt out” from the application of Section 78.411 et seq. through a provision in its articles of incorporation or by-laws. We have not “opted out” from the application of this section.

## **ITEM 2. PROPERTIES**

Our executive offices are located in Las Vegas, Nevada in a leased facility consisting of 11,000 square feet of office space.

### *Recycling Centers*

We lease a total of fifteen recycling center facilities as described below.

<u>Approximate Sqft</u>	<u>Location</u>
5,000	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia
7,300	Stoney Creek, Ontario (currently being sublet)
18,500	Santa Fe Springs, California
5,900	Albuquerque, New Mexico
14,600	Minneapolis, Minnesota
12,000	Indianapolis IN
19,800	Franklin, Massachusetts

7,500	Commerce City, Colorado
12,100	Cudahy, Wisconsin
23,200	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
14,300	Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania
38,000	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
30,000	Syracuse, New York
12,800	Sacramento, California
14,600	Norcross, Georgia

### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On December 29, 2016, the Company served a Minnesota state court complaint for breach of contract on Skybridge Americas, Inc. (“SA”), the Company’s primary call center vendor throughout 2015 and most of 2016. The Company seeks damages in the millions of dollars as a result of alleged overcharging by SA and lost client contracts. On January 25, 2017, SA served a counterclaim for unpaid invoices in the amount of approximately \$460,000 plus interest and attorneys’ fees. On March 29, 2017, the Hennepin County district court (the “District Court”) dismissed the Company’s breach of contract claim based on SA’s overuse of its Canadian call center but permitted the Company’s remaining claims to proceed. Following motion practice, on January 8, 2018 the District Court entered judgment in SA’s favor, which was amended as of February 28, 2018, for a total amount of \$613,566.32, including interest and attorneys’ fees. On March 4, 2019, the Minnesota Court of Appeals (the “Court of Appeals”) ruled and (i) reversed the District Court’s judgment in favor of Skybridge on the call center location claim and remanded the issue back to the District Court for further proceedings, (ii) reversed the District Court’s judgment in favor of Skybridge on the net payment issue and remanded the issue to the District Court for further proceedings, and (iii) affirmed the District Court’s judgment in Skybridge’s favor against the Company’s claim that Skybridge breached the contract when it failed to meet the service level agreements. As a result of the decision by the Court of Appeals, the District Court’s award of interest and attorneys’ fees, etc. was reversed. Trial is scheduled for May 2020.

On November 15, 2016, the Company served an arbitration demand on Haier US Appliance Solutions, Inc., dba GE Appliances (“GEA”), alleging breach of contract and interference with prospective business advantage. The Company sought over \$2 million in damages. On April 18, 2017, GEA served a counterclaim for approximately \$337,000 in alleged obligations under the parties’ recycling agreement. Simultaneously with serving its counterclaim in the arbitration, which is venued in Chicago, GEA filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky seeking damages of approximately \$530,000 plus interest and attorneys’ fees allegedly owed under a previous agreement between the parties. On December 12, 2017, the court stayed GEA’s complaint in favor of the arbitration. Under the terms of the Company’s transaction with Reclaim LLC (“Reclaim”), Reclaim is obligated to pay GEA on the Company’s behalf the amounts claimed by GEA in the arbitration and in the lawsuit pending in Kentucky. Those amounts were paid into escrow pending the outcome of the arbitration. On March 5, 2020, the arbitrator ruled in part in favor of the Company and in part in favor of GEA, and, as a result, GEA was awarded approximately \$125,000 in damages.

AMTIM Capital, Inc. (“AMTIM”) acts as our representative to market our recycling services in Canada under an arrangement that pays AMTIM for revenues generated by recycling services in Canada as set forth in the agreement between the parties. A dispute has arisen between AMTIM and us with respect to the calculation of amounts due to AMTIM pursuant to the agreement. In a lawsuit filed in the province of Ontario, AMTIM claims a discrepancy in the calculation of fees due to AMTIM by us of approximately \$2.0 million. Although the outcome of this claim is uncertain, we believe that no further amounts are due under the terms of the agreement and that we will continue to defend our position relative to this lawsuit.

The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (formerly known as the California Board of Equalization) (“CDTFA”) conducted a sales and use tax examination covering ARCA Recycling’s California operations for years 2011, 2012 and 2013. The Company believed it was exempt from collecting sales taxes under service agreements

with utility customers that included appliance replacement programs. During the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company received communication from the CDTFA indicating they were not in agreement with the Company's interpretation of the law. As a result, the Company applied for and, as of February 9, 2015, received approval to participate in the CDTFA's Managed Audit Program. The period covered under this program included years 2011, 2012, 2013 and extended through the nine-month period ended September 30, 2014. On April 13, 2017 the Company received the formal CDTFA assessment for sales tax for tax years 2011, 2012 and 2013 in the amount of \$4.1 million plus applicable interest of \$0.5 million related to the appliance replacement programs that the Company administered on behalf of its customers on which it did not assess, collect or remit sales tax. The Company has appealed this assessment to the CDTFA Appeals Bureau. The appeal remains in process. Interest will continue to accrue until the matter is settled. The total estimated amount of sales tax plus interest was \$5.4 million as of December 28, 2019.

We are party from time to time to other ordinary course disputes that we do not believe to be material.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

None.

**PART II**

**ITEM 5. MARKET FOR OUR COMMON EQUITY, RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

**Market Information and Dividends**

Our common stock trades under the symbol “JAN” on the NASDAQ Capital Market. As of March 19, 2020, there were 37 stockholders of record, which excludes stockholders whose shares were held in nominee or street name by brokers.

We have not paid dividends on our common stock and do not presently plan to pay dividends on our common stock for the foreseeable future.

Information concerning securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans is included in Part III, Item 12 of this report.

**ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA**

Not applicable.

## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For a description of our significant accounting policies and an understanding of the significant factors that influenced our performance during the year ended December 28, 2019, this "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" (hereafter referred to as "MD&A") should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, including the related notes, appearing in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K (this "Form 10-K") for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019.

### Note about Forward-Looking Statements

This Form 10-K includes statements that constitute "forward-looking statements." These forward-looking statements are often characterized by the terms "may," "believes," "projects," "intends," "plans," "expects," or "anticipates," and do not reflect historical facts. Specific forward-looking statements contained in this portion of the Form 10-K include, but are not limited to: (i) statements that are based on current projections and expectations about the markets in which we operate, (ii) statements about current projections and expectations of general economic conditions, (iii) statements about specific industry projections and expectations of economic activity, (iv) statements relating to our future operations and prospects, (v) statements about future results and future performance, (vi) statements that the cash on hand and additional cash generated from operations together with potential sources of cash through issuance of debt or equity will provide the Company with sufficient liquidity for the next 12 months, (vii) statements that the outcome of pending legal proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on business, financial position and results of operations, cash flow or liquidity, and (viii) statements relating to the sale of the Company's Recycling business.

Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors and risks that could affect our results, future performance and capital requirements and cause them to materially differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements include those identified in this Form 10-K under Item 1A "Risk Factors", as well as other factors that we are currently unable to identify or quantify, but that may exist in the future.

In addition, the foregoing factors may generally affect our business, results of operations and financial position. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statements were made. We do not undertake and specifically decline any obligation to update any forward-looking statements. Any information contained on our website [www.janone.com](http://www.janone.com) or any other websites referenced in this Form 10-K are not part of this Form 10-K.

### Our Company

JanOne is engaged in the development of new and innovative solutions for ending the opioid epidemic ranging from digital technologies to educational advocacy. In addition, through its subsidiaries ARCA Recycling, Inc. and ARCA Canada Inc., JanOne is engaged in the business of recycling major household appliances in North America by providing turnkey appliance recycling and replacement services for utilities and other sponsors of energy efficiency programs. In addition, through its GeoTraq Inc. ("GeoTraq") subsidiary, we are engaged in the development, design and, ultimately, we expect the sale of wireless transceiver modules with technology that provides LBS directly from global Mobile IoT networks

We operate three reportable segments:

- **Recycling:** Our recycling segment is a turnkey appliance recycling program. We receive fees charged for recycling, replacement and additional services for utility energy efficiency programs and have established 15 Regional Processing Centers ("RPCs") for this segment throughout the United States and Canada
- **Biotechnology:** Our biotechnology segment is engaged in the development of new and innovative solutions for ending the opioid epidemic ranging from digital technologies to educational advocacy.
- **Technology:** GeoTraq is in the process of developing technology to enable low cost, location-based products and services.

Reporting Period. We report on a 52-or 53-week fiscal year. Our 2019 fiscal year (“2019”) ended on December 28, 2019. Our 2018 fiscal year (“2018”) ended on December 29, 2018.

#### Application of Critical Accounting Policies

Our discussion of the financial condition and results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of our consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of any contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Management regularly reviews its estimates and assumptions, which are based on historical factors and other factors believed to be relevant under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions, estimates or conditions.

Critical accounting policies are defined as those that are reflective of significant judgments and uncertainties and potentially result in materially different results under different assumptions and conditions. ARCA’s critical accounting policies include intangible impairment under ASC 350, revenue recognition under ASC 606, and going concern under ASC 205.

#### Results of Operations

The following table sets forth certain statement of operations items from continuing operations and as a percentage of revenue, for the periods indicated:

	52 Weeks Ended December 28, 2019		52 Weeks Ended December 29, 2018	
<b>Statement of Operations Data:</b>				
Revenues	\$ 35,097	100.0%	\$ 36,794	100.0%
Cost of revenues	27,311	77.8%	25,741	70.0%
Gross profit	7,786	22.2%	11,053	30.0%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	20,217	57.6%	17,150	46.6%
Operating loss	(12,431)	(35.4)%	(6,097)	(16.6)%
Interest expense, net	(1,480)	(4.2)%	(668)	(1.8)%
Impairment charges	(2,992)	(8.5)%	—	—
Gain on litigation settlement	694	8.9%	—	—
Other income	1,048	3.0%	430	1.2%
Net income (loss) before income taxes	(15,161)	(43.2)%	(6,335)	(17.2)%
Benefit from income taxes	3,197	9.1%	727	2.0%
Net loss	\$ (11,964)	(34.1)%	\$ (5,608)	(15.2)%

The following tables set forth revenues for key product and service categories, percentages of total revenue and gross profits earned by key product and service categories and gross profit percent as compared to revenues for each key product category indicated:

	52 Weeks Ended December 28, 2019		52 Weeks Ended December 29, 2018	
	Net Revenue	Percent of Total	Net Revenue	Percent of Total
<b>Revenue</b>				
Recycling and Byproducts	\$ 21,445	61.1 %	\$ 24,742	67.2 %
Replacement Appliances	13,652	38.9 %	12,052	32.8 %
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 35,097</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>\$ 36,794</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>

	52 Weeks Ended December 28, 2019		52 Weeks Ended December 29, 2018	
	Gross Profit	Gross Profit %	Gross Profit	Gross Profit %
<b>Gross Profit</b>				
Recycling and Byproducts	\$ 3,890	18.1 %	\$ 7,675	31.0 %
Replacement Appliances	3,896	28.5 %	3,378	28.0 %
<b>Total Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 7,786</b>	<b>22.2 %</b>	<b>\$ 11,053</b>	<b>30.0 %</b>

#### Revenue

Revenue decreased \$1,697 or 4.6% for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 as compared to the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018. Replacement Appliance revenue increased \$1,600 or 13.3% due to higher volumes, offset by a decrease in Recycling and Byproducts revenue of \$3,297 or 13.3% due to a decrease in refrigerant sales and lower scrap metal prices.

#### Cost of Revenue

Cost of revenue increased \$1,570, or 6.1% for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 as compared to the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018, primarily due to an increase in volume, transportation costs and labor, partially offset by a decrease in costs related to our facilities.

#### Gross Profit

Gross profit decreased \$3,267 or 29.6%, for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 as compared to the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018 due to the decrease in revenue and increase in costs of revenue discussed above.

#### Selling, General and Administrative Expense

Selling, general and administrative expense increased \$3,067 or 17.9%, for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 as compared to the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018, primarily due to increased employee costs and factoring fees, due to increased factoring to support operations.

#### Operating Loss

As a result of the factors described above, operating loss of \$12,431 for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 represented an increase in loss of \$6,334 over the comparable prior fiscal year ended December 29, 2018 of \$6,097.

**Interest Expense, net**

Interest expense net increased \$812 or 136%, for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 as compared to the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018 primarily due to accrued interest related to the California sales tax payable and, the increase in other note payables, partially offset by repayment of the Midcap Revolver in March 2018.

**Impairment Charges**

On December 9, 2019, ApplianceSmart, a related party, filed a voluntary petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York seeking relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code. As a result, the Company has recorded an impairment charge of \$2,992 for the amount owed by ApplianceSmart to the Company as of December 28, 2019. There were no similar impairment charges for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018.

See Note 4 of the Consolidated Financial Statements for a complete discussion of the ApplianceSmart Note.

**Gain on Litigation Settlement**

On August 14, 2017 as a part of the sale of the Company's equity interest in AAP, Recleim LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Recleim"), agreed to undertake, pay or assume the Company's GE obligations consisting of a promissory note (GE 8% loan agreement) and other payables which were incurred after the issuance of such promissory note. The Company has an offsetting receivable due from Recleim. Recleim has paid into an escrow account the money to pay the GE 8% loan agreement in full.

On November 15, 2016, the Company served an arbitration demand on Haier US Appliance Solutions, Inc., dba GE Appliances ("GEA"), alleging breach of contract and interference with prospective business advantage. On April 18, 2017, GEA served a counterclaim regarding alleged obligations under the parties' recycling agreement. On December 12, 2017, the court stayed GEA's complaint in favor of the arbitration. Under the terms of the Company's transaction with Recleim LLC ("Recleim"), Recleim is obligated to pay GEA on the Company's behalf the amounts claimed by GEA in the arbitration and in the lawsuit pending in Kentucky. Those amounts have been paid into escrow pending the outcome of the arbitration. Arbitration proceedings were held in October and November 2019. On March 5, 2020, the arbitrator ruled in part in favor of the Company and in part in favor of GEA, and, as a result, the Company recorded a gain on litigation settlement of \$694.

There were no similar transactions for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018.

See Notes 14 and 15 of the Consolidated Financial Statements for a complete discussion of the Recleim and GEA litigation.

**Other Income**

Other income increased \$618 for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 as compared to the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018 primarily due to the discussion below.

*Sears Holdings Management Corp – Logistics Services*

On February 18, 2019, the Company informed Sears Holdings Management Corp – Logistics Services ("Sears") that Sears may have overcharged ARCA Recycling \$642 and that it planned on filing a proof of claim with the trustee in the Sears' bankruptcy against Sears for the overcharged amount. The Company requested that Sears provide contractual written proof to the contrary supporting their claim for invoices submitted in excess of the contractually agreed upon amounts for transportation services. Sears provided transportation services to ARCA Recycling in fiscal years 2013 through 2018. ARCA Recycling recorded \$559 as outstanding and un-paid accounts payable as of December 28, 2019 and December 30, 2018. In addition, Sears owes ARCA Recycling a net amount due of \$83. The Company has recorded the overcharged amount of \$559 as other income in the consolidated results for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019. The Company filed a proof of claim on April 5, 2019 for a net amount owing the Company of \$83, of which Sears accepted.

### Benefit for Income Taxes

We recorded an income tax benefit of \$3,197 for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, compared with a benefit from income taxes of \$727 for in the same period of 2018, an increase of \$2,470 primarily due to the increase in net loss before taxes.

### Net Loss

The factors described above led to a net loss of \$11,964 for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, an increase in loss of \$6,356 from a net loss of \$5,608 for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018.

### Segment Performance

We report our business in the following segments: Biotechnology, Recycling and Technology. We identified these segments based on a combination of business type, customers serviced and how we divide management responsibility. Our revenues and profits are driven through our recycling centers, e-commerce, individual sales reps and our internet services for our recycling and technology segment. We expect revenues and profits for our biotechnology segment to be driven by the development of pharmaceuticals that treat the root cause of pain but are non-opioid painkillers.

Operating loss by operating segment, is defined as loss before net interest expense, other income and expense, provision for income taxes.

	52 Weeks Ended December 28, 2019				52 Weeks Ended December 29, 2018			
	Recycling	Biotechnology	Technology	Total	Recycling	Biotechnology	Technology	Total
Revenue	\$ 35,097	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 35,097	\$ 36,794	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 36,794
Cost of revenue	27,311	—	—	27,311	25,741	—	—	25,741
Gross profit	7,786	—	—	7,786	11,053	—	—	11,053
Selling, general and administrative expense	14,183	1,038	4,996	20,217	12,104	—	5,046	17,150
Operating loss	<u>\$ (6,397)</u>	<u>\$ (1,038)</u>	<u>\$ (4,996)</u>	<u>\$ (12,431)</u>	<u>\$ (1,051)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (5,046)</u>	<u>\$ (6,097)</u>

### Recycling Segment

The recycling segment consists of ARCA Recycling, Customer Connexx, and ARCA Canada. Revenue for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, decreased \$1,697 or 4.6% for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 as compared to the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018. Replacement Appliance revenue increased \$1,600 or 13.3% due to higher volumes, offset by a decrease in Recycling and Byproducts revenue of \$3,297 or 13.3% due to a decrease in refrigerant sales and lower scrap metal prices,

Cost of revenue increased \$1,570, or 6.1% for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 as compared to the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018, primarily due to an increase in primarily due to an increase in volume, transportation costs and labor, partially offset by a decrease in costs related to our facilities.

Operating loss for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, increased \$5,118 as compared to the prior year period. This represents a decrease in gross profit of \$3,267 and increased selling, general and administrative expense of \$2,079 related to higher employee costs and factoring fees, due to increased factoring to support operations.

### Technology Segment

The technology segment consists of GeoTraq. Results for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 include a loss of \$4,996 which approximated the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018 loss of \$5,046. The loss represents intangible asset amortization expense and other selling general and administrative expense for each period.

## Biotechnology Segment

Our biotechnology segment started during September 2019, and, as a result, incurred expenses of \$1,038 related to employee costs and the operating license issued during the fourth quarter of 2019.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Overview

Based on our current operating plans, we believe that available cash balances, funds available under our factoring agreement with Prestige Capital Corporation (“Prestige Capital”), and or other refinancing of existing indebtedness will provide sufficient liquidity to fund our operations, our continued investments in store openings and remodeling activities for at least the next 12 months.

As of December 28, 2019, we had total cash on hand of \$481. As we continue to pursue strategic transactions to expand and grow our business, we regularly monitor capital market conditions and may raise additional funds through borrowings or public or private sales of debt or equity securities. The amount, nature and timing of any borrowings or sales of debt or equity securities will depend on our operating performance and other circumstances; our then-current commitments and obligations; the amount, nature and timing of our capital requirements; any limitations imposed by our current credit arrangements; and overall market conditions.

In December 2019, the 2019 novel coronavirus surfaced in Wuhan, China. The World Health Organization declared a global emergency on January 30, 2020, with respect to the outbreak. The widespread health crisis has adversely affected the global economy, resulting in an economic downturn that could impact demand for our products.

To date, the outbreak has started to have a material adverse impact on our operations. For example, several customers in our appliance recycling and appliance replacement business have suspended our ability to pick up and or replace their customers’ appliances resulting in decreased revenues for both recycling and replacement business. The future impact of the outbreak is highly uncertain and cannot be predicted and there is no assurance that the outbreak will not have a material adverse impact on the future results of the Company. The extent of the impact, if any, will depend on future developments, including actions taken to contain the coronavirus.

### Cash Flows

During the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, cash used in operations was \$3,510, compared to cash provided by operations of \$4,145 during the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018. The decrease in cash provided by operations was primarily due to the increase in net loss, discussed above, offset by noncash impairment charges of \$2,992 and an increase in deferred income taxes of \$2,251. Additionally, changes in working capital accounts affecting operating cash flows were as follows: an increase in accounts receivable of \$4,712 and accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$3,398.

Cash provided by investing activities was \$345 and cash used in investing activities of \$172 for fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 and the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018, respectively. The increase in cash provided by investing activities, as compared to the prior period is primarily attributable to increase in net payments received on a note receivable from ApplianceSmart of \$675, offset by the increase in purchases of property and equipment of \$189 and intangible assets of \$288.

Cash provided by financing activities was \$2,462 for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 was primarily related to the \$2,500 proceeds on the related party note. Cash used by financing activities of \$6,109 for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018 was attributable to the \$5,605 payment for MidCap Financial Trust revolver and net payments on short term notes payable of \$504.

### Sources of Liquidity

We utilize cash on hand and factor on occasion certain accounts receivable invoices to cover normal and seasonal fluctuations in cash flows and to support our various growth initiatives. Our cash and cash equivalents are carried at

cost and consist primarily of demand deposits with commercial banks. On March 26, 2018, the Company entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Prestige Capital, whereby from time to time the Company can factor certain accounts receivable to Prestige Capital up to a maximum advance and outstanding balance of \$11,000. Discount fees ultimately paid depend upon how long an invoice and related amount is outstanding from ARCA Recycling's customer. Prestige Capital has been granted a security interest in all ARCA Recycling's accounts receivable. The term of the purchase and sale agreement was six months from March 26, 2018 and has been renewed three times for successive terms of six months. The current purchase and sale agreement with Prestige Capital terminates October 2020.

We acknowledge that we continue to face a challenging competitive environment as we continue to focus on our overall profitability, including managing expenses. We reported a net loss of \$11,964 and \$5,608 in 2019 and 2018, respectively. In addition, the Company has total current assets of \$8,839 and total current liabilities \$17,573 resulting in a net negative working capital of \$8,734.

In Item 1A. Risk Factors, management has addressed and evaluated the risk factors that could materially and adversely affect the entity's business, financial condition and results of operations, cash flows and liquidity. The Company has determined the risk factors do not materially affect the Company's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Based on the above, management has concluded that the Company is not aware and did not identify any other conditions or events that would cause the Company to not be able to continue business as a going concern for the next twelve months.

#### *Future Sources of Cash; New Acquisitions, Products and Services*

We may require additional debt financing and/or capital to finance new acquisitions, refinance existing indebtedness or consummate other strategic investments in our business. Any financing obtained may further dilute or otherwise impair the ownership interest of our existing stockholders.

#### **Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

At December 28, 2019, we had no off-balance sheet arrangements, commitments or guarantees that require additional disclosure or measurement.

#### **ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

##### Market Risk and Impact of Inflation

Interest Rate Risk. We do not believe there is any significant risk related to interest rate fluctuations on our short and long-term fixed rate debt.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk. We currently generate revenues in Canada. The reporting currency for our consolidated financial statements is U.S. dollars. It is not possible to determine the exact impact of foreign currency exchange rate changes; however, the effect on reported revenue and net earnings can be estimated. We estimate that the overall strength of the U.S. dollar against the Canadian dollar had an immaterial impact on the revenues and net income for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019. We do not currently hedge foreign currency fluctuations and do not intend to do so for the foreseeable future.

We do not hold any derivative financial instruments, nor do we hold any securities for trading or speculative purposes.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and  
Stockholders of JanOne Inc.  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of JanOne Inc. (the Company) as of December 28, 2019, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the consolidated financial statements). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 28, 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Change in Accounting Principle**

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company has changed its method of accounting for leases in 2019 due to the adoption of Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*.

**Basis for Opinion**

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's consolidated financial statements based on our audit. 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 audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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 audit, 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 audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ WSRP, LLC

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2019.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
April 3, 2020

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of JanOne Inc. (formerly known as Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.)

**Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of JanOne Inc. (formerly known as Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.) (the "Company") as of December 29, 2018, the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements (collectively, the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 29, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Emphasis of Matter**

The Company is restating its financial statements for the year ended December 29, 2018 for the correction of an error. As disclosed in Note 1, in the Restatement paragraph, and Note 15, in the Other commitments paragraph, during this period, the Company did not previously disclose certain potential obligations arising from lease contracts.

**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 audit. 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 U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

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Our audit 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 audit 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 audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ SingerLewak LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor from 2017 to 2018.

Los Angeles, California

March 29, 2019, except for Note 1, in the Restatement paragraph,  
and Note 15, in the Other commitments paragraph, as to which  
the date is November 15, 2019

**JANONE INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 481	\$ 1,195
Trade and other receivables, net	6,578	5,804
Income taxes receivable	76	101
Inventories	1,348	801
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	356	1,036
Total current assets	<u>8,839</u>	<u>8,937</u>
Note receivable - ApplianceSmart Holdings, LLC a subsidiary of Live Ventures Incorporated	—	3,837
Property and equipment, net	324	211
Right of use asset - operating leases	1,894	—
Intangible assets, net	17,705	21,394
Deposits and other assets	272	661
Total assets	<u>\$ 29,034</u>	<u>\$ 35,040</u>
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>		
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,365	\$ 3,169
Accrued liabilities - other	3,938	1,118
Accrued liability - California Sales Taxes	5,438	4,722
Lease obligation short term - operating leases	1,079	—
Short term debt	280	675
Related party note	2,473	—
Total current liabilities	<u>17,573</u>	<u>9,684</u>
Lease obligation long term - operating leases	850	—
Deferred income taxes, net	270	3,549
Other noncurrent liabilities	—	196
Total liabilities	<u>18,693</u>	<u>13,429</u>
<b>Commitments and Contingencies (Note 15)</b>		
<b>Stockholders' equity:</b>		
Preferred stock, series A - par value \$0.001 per share 2,000,000 authorized, 259,729 and 288,588 shares issued and outstanding at December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, respectively	—	—
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, 10,000,000 shares authorized, 1,919,048 and 1,694,565 shares issued and outstanding at December 28, 2019 and at December 29, 2018, respectively	2	2
Additional paid in capital	39,291	38,660
Accumulated deficit	(28,419)	(16,518)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(533)	(533)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>10,341</u>	<u>21,611</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 29,034</u>	<u>\$ 35,040</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**JANONE INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**  
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	For the 52-Week Period Ended	
	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
Revenues	\$ 35,097	\$ 36,794
Cost of revenues	27,311	25,741
Gross profit	7,786	11,053
Operating expenses:		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	20,217	17,150
Operating loss	(12,431)	(6,097)
Other income (expense):		
Interest expense, net	(1,480)	(668)
Impairment charges	(2,992)	—
Gain on litigation settlement	694	—
Other income	1,048	430
Total other expense, net	(2,730)	(238)
Loss before benefit from income taxes	(15,161)	(6,335)
Income tax benefit	3,197	727
Net loss	<u>\$ (11,964)</u>	<u>\$ (5,608)</u>
Loss per share:		
Basic loss per share	\$ (6.78)	\$ (3.75)
Diluted loss per share	\$ (6.78)	\$ (3.75)
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	1,763,670	1,494,941
Diluted	1,763,670	1,494,941
Net loss	\$ (11,964)	\$ (5,608)
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax		
Effect of foreign currency translation adjustments	—	(40)
Total other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	(40)
Comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (11,964)</u>	<u>\$ (5,648)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**JANONE INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
(Dollars in thousands)

	Series A Preferred		Common Stock		Additional Paid in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Deficit	Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount				
Balance, December 30, 2017	288,588	\$ —	1,375,108	\$ 2	\$ 37,640	\$ (10,910)	\$ (493)	\$ 26,239
EET conversion of note payable into common	—	—	44,623	—	101	—	—	101
Share based compensation	—	—	274,834	—	919	—	—	919
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	—	—	—	—	—	(40)	(40)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	(5,608)	—	(5,608)
Balance, December 29, 2018	288,588	\$ —	1,694,565	\$ 2	\$ 38,660	\$ (16,518)	\$ (533)	\$ 21,611
Adoption of ASU 842	—	—	—	—	—	63	—	63
Share based compensation	—	—	224,483	—	631	—	—	631
Shares cancelled	(28,859)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	(11,964)	—	(11,964)
Balance, December 28, 2019	259,729	\$ —	1,919,048	\$ 2	\$ 39,291	\$ (28,419)	\$ (533)	\$ 10,341

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**JANONE INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Dollars in thousands)

	For the 52-Week Period Ended	
	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net loss	\$ (11,964)	\$ (5,608)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	4,076	3,998
Amortization of debt issuance costs	307	589
Stock based compensation expense	631	656
Change in provision for doubtful accounts	—	(32)
Impairment charges	2,992	—
Gain on litigation settlement	(694)	—
Gain on sale of property and equipment	—	(5)
Change in deferred rent	(48)	(14)
Change in deferred compensation	(148)	120
Change in deferred income taxes	(3,279)	(1,028)
Other	165	(146)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(765)	3,947
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	680	153
Income taxes receivable	25	(101)
Inventories	(546)	(41)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	5,058	1,660
Accrued income taxes	—	(3)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>(3,510)</u>	<u>4,145</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Purchases of property and equipment	(212)	(401)
Proceeds from the sale of property and equipment	—	59
Purchase of intangible asset	(288)	—
Net payments received from ApplianceSmart Holdings LLC note receivable	845	170
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>345</u>	<u>(172)</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from related party note	2,500	—
Net borrowing (payments) under the line of credit - MidCap Financial Trust	—	(5,605)
Proceeds from issuance of short term notes payable	471	562
Payments on short term notes payable	(509)	(1,066)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>2,462</u>	<u>(6,109)</u>
Effect of changes in exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents	(11)	18
<b>DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(714)</b>	<b>(2,118)</b>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	1,195	3,313
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	<u>\$ 481</u>	<u>\$ 1,195</u>

	For the 52-Week Period Ended	
	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
<b>Supplemental cash flow disclosures:</b>		
Interest paid	\$ 133	\$ 526
Income taxes paid, net	\$ 263	\$ 199
Net liabilities assumed by ApplianceSmart	\$ —	\$ 1,901
EEI note balance conversion into common stock	\$ —	\$ 101

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**JANONE INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(Dollars in thousands except per share amounts)**

**Note 1: Background and Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of JanOne Inc., a Nevada corporation, and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Company” or “JanOne”). The Company had two operating segments for fiscal year 2018 – Recycling and Technology, and the Company had three operating segments for fiscal year 2019 – Biotechnology, Recycling and Technology.

During September 2019, JanOne, through its biotechnology segment, became engaged in developing new and innovative solutions for ending the opioid epidemic ranging from digital technologies to educational advocacy.

ARCA Recycling, Inc. (“ARCA Recycling”), provides turnkey recycling services for electric utility energy efficiency programs. ARCA Canada Inc. provides turnkey recycling services for electric utility energy efficiency programs. Customer Connexx, LLC, provides call center services for electric utility programs.

Through our GeoTraq Inc. (“GeoTraq”) subsidiary, we are engaged in the development, design and, ultimately, we expect the sale of cellular transceiver modules, also known as Mobile IoT modules, and associated wireless services.

All data for common stock, options and warrants have been adjusted to reflect the 1-for-5 reverse stock split (which took effect on April 19, 2019) (the “Reverse Stock Split”) for all periods presented. In addition, all common stock prices, and per share data for all periods presented have been adjusted to reflect the Reverse Stock Split.

We report on a 52- or 53-week fiscal year. Our 2018 fiscal year (“2018”) ended on December 29, 2018, and our fiscal year (“2019”) ended on December 28, 2019, each fiscal year is 52 weeks in length.

*Reincorporation in the State of Nevada*

On March 12, 2018, we reincorporated from the State of Minnesota to the State of Nevada (the “Reincorporation”) pursuant to a plan of conversion dated March 12, 2018 (the “Plan of Conversion”). The Reincorporation was accomplished by the filing of (i) articles of conversion (the “Minnesota Articles of Conversion”) with the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota and (ii) articles of conversion (the “Nevada Articles of Conversion”) and articles of incorporation (the “Nevada Articles of Incorporation”) with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada. Pursuant to the Plan of Conversion, the Company also adopted new bylaws (the “Nevada Bylaws”).

The Reincorporation did not affect any of the Company’s material contracts with any third parties, and the Company’s rights and obligations under such material contractual arrangements continue to be rights and obligations of the Company after the Reincorporation. The Reincorporation did not result in any change in headquarters, business, jobs, management, location of any of the offices or facilities, number of employees, assets, liabilities or net worth (other than as a result of the costs incident to the Reincorporation) of the Company.

The Reincorporation changed the par value of the Company’s common shares from no par value to a par value of \$0.001 per share of common stock.

*Going concern*

We acknowledge that we continue to face a challenging competitive environment as we continue to focus on our overall profitability, including managing expenses. We reported a net loss of \$11,964 and \$5,608 for the fiscal years ended December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, respectively. In addition, the Company has as of December 28, 2019 total current assets of \$8,839 and total current liabilities \$17,573 resulting in a net negative working capital of \$8,734.

The Company has available cash balances and funds available under the accounts receivable factoring program with Prestige Capital to provide sufficient liquidity to fund the entity’s operations, the entity’s continued investments in

center openings and remodeling activities, for at least the next twelve months. The agreement with Prestige Capital allows the Company to get advance funding of 80% of an unpaid customer's invoice amount within 2 days and the balance less a fee upon ultimate collection in cash of the invoice. The Company will be able to utilize the available funds under the accounts receivable factoring agreement to provide liquidity, to pursue acquisitions, and other strategic transactions to expand and grow the business to enhance shareholder value. Management also regularly monitors capital market conditions to ensure no other conditions or events exist that may materially affect the Company's financial conditions and liquidity and the Company may raise additional funds through borrowings or public or private sales of debt or equity securities, if necessary.

Based on the above, management has concluded that at December 28, 2019 the Company is not aware and did not identify any other conditions or events that would cause the Company to not be able to continue business as a going concern for the next twelve months.

#### *Restatement*

During the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018, the Company did not disclose the following potential obligation rising from lease guarantees.

As disclosed and as discussed in Note 4: Note Receivable, on December 30, 2017, the Company disposed of its retail appliance segment and sold ApplianceSmart to the Purchaser. In connection with that sale, as of December 29, 2018, the Company had an aggregate amount of future real property lease payments of approximately \$5,000, which represented amounts guaranteed or which may be owed under certain lease agreements to third party landlords in which the Company either remains the counterparty, is a guarantor, or has agreed to remain contractually liable under the lease ("ApplianceSmart Leases"). As of December 29, 2018, there were five ApplianceSmart Leases with Company guarantees, one terminating December 31, 2020, April 30, 2021, August 14, 2021, December 31, 2022 and June 30, 2025, respectively.

It could not be determined at December 29, 2018 that the Company would incur any loss related to its contractual liability for a maximum potential amount of future undiscounted lease payments of approximately \$5,000. The Company evaluated the fair value of its potential obligation under the guidance of ASC 450: Contingencies and ASC 460: Guarantees. As a result, the Company did not have any accrued amount of liability associated with these future guaranteed lease payments as the fair value of the potential liability was immaterial. The fair value was calculated based on the undiscounted lease payments, a discount rate equivalent to current interest rates associated with the real estate lease and a remote probability weighting.

The ApplianceSmart Leases either have the Company as the contract tenant only, or in the contract reflects a joint tenancy with ApplianceSmart. ApplianceSmart is the occupant of the ApplianceSmart Leases. The Company does not have the right to use the ApplianceSmart lease assets nor is the Company the primary obligor of the lease payments, hence capitalization under ASC 842 was not required. The ApplianceSmart Leases have historically been used by ApplianceSmart for its business operations and the rent and other amounts owed under such leases has been and is being paid by ApplianceSmart historically and in the future.

Any potential amounts paid out for the Company obligations and or guarantees under ApplianceSmart Leases would be recoverable to the extent there were assets available from ApplianceSmart – See Notes 4 and 22. ApplianceSmart Leases are related party transactions. The Company divested itself of the ApplianceSmart Leases and leaseholds with the sale of ApplianceSmart to Purchaser on December 30, 2017.

## **Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### **Principles of Consolidation**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

## Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the prior year consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the previously reported net income (loss) or stockholders' equity. The table below details the balance sheet reclassifications:

	December 29, 2018 as reported	Reclasses	December 29, 2018 current presentation
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,195	\$ —	\$ 1,195
Trade and other receivables, net	5,804	—	5,804
Income taxes receivable	101	—	101
Inventories	801	—	801
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	617	419 a	1,036
Total current assets	<u>8,518</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>8,937</u>
Note receivable - ApplianceSmart Holdings, LLC a subsidiary of Live Ventures Incorporated	3,837	—	3,837
Property and equipment, net	617	(406) b	211
Intangible assets, net	20,988	406 b	21,394
Deposits and other assets	661	—	661
Total assets	<u>\$ 34,621</u>	<u>\$ 419</u>	<u>\$ 35,040</u>
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 3,169	\$ —	\$ 3,169
Accrued liabilities - other	1,118	—	1,118
Accrued liability - California Sales Taxes	4,722	—	4,722
Short term debt	256	419 a	675
Total current liabilities	<u>9,265</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>9,684</u>
Deferred income taxes, net	3,549	—	3,549
Other noncurrent liabilities	196	—	196
Total liabilities	<u>13,010</u>	<u>419</u>	<u>13,429</u>
Commitments and Contingencies			
Stockholders' equity:			
Preferred stock, series A	—	—	—
Common stock	2	—	2
Additional paid in capital	38,660	—	38,660
Accumulated deficit	(16,518)	—	(16,518)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(533)	—	(533)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>21,611</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>21,611</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 34,621</u>	<u>\$ 419</u>	<u>\$ 35,040</u>

- a. As of December 31, 2018, the Company has \$419 of unamortized debt issuance costs associated with a revolving credit facility. Because there was no balance outstanding on the credit facility as of December 31, 2018, the Company should have reclassified the debt issuance costs from a contra liability to a deferred asset.
- b. During fiscal 2019, the Company noted that its internally developed software, net of amortization, of \$406 was included in property, plant and equipment instead of intangibles as of December 29, 2018. The Company has reclassified its internally developed software from property, plant and equipment to intangibles as of December 29, 2018.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumption that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant estimates made in connection with the accompanying consolidated financial statements include the estimated reserve for doubtful current and long-term trade and other receivables, the estimated reserve for excess and obsolete inventory, estimated fair value and forfeiture rates for stock-based compensation, fair values in connection with the analysis of other intangibles and long-lived assets for impairment, valuation allowance against deferred tax assets and estimated useful lives for intangible assets and property and equipment.

### **Financial Instruments**

Financial instruments consist primarily of cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, notes receivables, and obligations under accounts payable, accrued expenses and notes payable. The carrying amounts of cash equivalents, trade receivables and other receivables, accounts payable, accrued expenses and short-term notes payable approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. The fair value of the long-term debt is calculated based on interest rates available for debt with terms and maturities similar to the Company's existing debt arrangements, unless quoted market prices were available (Level 2 inputs). The carrying amounts of long-term debt at December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018 approximate fair value.

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase. Fair value of cash equivalents approximates carrying value.

### **Trade Receivables and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts**

We carry unsecured trade receivables at the original invoice amount less an estimate made for doubtful accounts based on a monthly review of all outstanding amounts. Management determines the allowance for doubtful accounts by regularly evaluating individual customer receivables and considering a customer's financial condition, credit history and current economic conditions. We write off trade receivables when we deem them uncollectible. We record recoveries of trade receivables previously written off when we receive them. We consider a trade receivable to be past due if any portion of the receivable balance is outstanding for more than ninety days. We do not charge interest on past due receivables. Our management considers the allowance for doubtful accounts of \$29 and \$29 to be adequate to cover any exposure to loss as of December 28, 2019, and December 29, 2018, respectively.

### **Inventories**

Inventories, consisting primarily of appliances, are stated at the lower of cost, determined on a specific identification basis, or net realizable value. We provide estimated provisions for the obsolescence of our appliance inventories, including adjustment to market, based on various factors, including the age of such inventory and our management's assessment of the need for such provisions. We look at historical inventory aging reports and margin analyses in determining our provision estimate. A revised cost basis is used once a provision for obsolescence is recorded. The Company does not have a reserve for obsolete inventory at December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018.

### **Property and Equipment**

Property and Equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred and additions and improvements that significantly extend the lives of assets are capitalized. Upon sale or other retirement of depreciable property, the cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the related accounts and any gain or loss is reflected in operations. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The useful lives of building and improvements are 3 to 30 years, transportation equipment is 3 to 15 years, machinery and equipment are 5 to 10 years, furnishings and fixtures are 3 to 5 years and office and computer equipment are 3 to 5 years. Depreciation expense was \$99 and \$270 for the fiscal years ended December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, respectively.

We periodically review our property and equipment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable or their depreciation or amortization periods should be accelerated. We assess recoverability based on several factors, including our intention with respect to maintaining our facilities and projected discounted cash flows from operations. An impairment loss would be recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds their fair value, as approximated by the present value of their projected discounted cash flows.

### **Intangible Assets**

The Company accounts for intangible assets in accordance with ASC 350, *Intangibles—Goodwill and Other*. Under ASC 350, intangible assets subject to amortization, shall be reviewed for impairment in accordance with the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets in ASC 360, *Property, Plant, and Equipment*.

Under ASC 360, long-lived assets are tested for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances (“triggering event”) indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. In making this determination, triggering events that were considered included:

- A significant decrease in the market price of a long-lived asset (asset group);
- A significant adverse change in the extent or manner in which a long-lived asset (asset group) is being used or in its physical condition;
- A significant adverse change in legal factors or in the business climate that could affect the value of a long-lived asset (asset group), including an adverse action or assessment by a regulator;
- An accumulation of costs significantly in excess of the amount originally expected for the acquisition or construction of a long-lived asset (asset group);
- A current-period operating or cash flow loss combined with a history of operating or cash flow losses or a projection or forecast that demonstrates continuing losses associated with the use of a long-lived asset (asset group); and,
- A current expectation that, more likely than not, a long-lived asset (asset group) will be sold or otherwise disposed of significantly before the end of its previously estimated useful life. The term more likely than not refers to a level of likelihood that is more than 50 percent.

If a triggering event has occurred, for purposes of recognition and measurement of an impairment loss, a long-lived asset or assets shall be grouped with other assets and liabilities at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of the cash flows of other assets and liabilities. After the asset group determination is completed, a two-step testing is performed. If after identifying a triggering event it is determined that the asset group’s carrying value may not be recoverable, a recoverability test must then be performed. The recoverability test is performed by forecasting the expected cash flows to be derived from the asset group for the remaining useful life of the asset group’s primary asset compared to their carrying value. The recoverability test relies upon the undiscounted cash flows (excluding interest and taxes) which are derived from the company’s specific use of those assets (not how a market participant would use those assets); and, are based upon the existing service potential of the current assets (excluding any improvements that would materially enhance the assets). If the expected undiscounted cash flows exceed the carrying value, the assets are considered recoverable. If the recoverability test is failed a second fair market value test is required to calculate the amount of the impairment (if any). This second test calculates the fair value of the asset or asset group, with the impairment being the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the asset or asset group’s fair value. Under this test, the financial projections have been created using market participant assumptions and fair value concepts.

There was no impairment of intangibles as of December 28, 2019 based on the annual intangible asset impairment test performed as of that date.

The Company's intangible assets consist of customer relationship intangibles, trade names, licenses for the use of internet domain names, Universal Resource Locators, or URL's, software, patent USPTO reference No. 10,182,402, and historical know-how, designs and related manufacturing procedures. Upon acquisition, critical estimates are made in valuing acquired intangible assets, which include but are not limited to: future expected cash flows from customer contracts, customer lists, and estimating cash flows from projects when completed; tradename and market position, as well as assumptions about the period of time that customer relationships will continue; and discount rates. Management's estimates of fair value are based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable, but which are inherently uncertain and unpredictable and, as a result, actual results may differ from the assumptions used in determining the fair values. All intangible assets are capitalized at their original cost and amortized over their estimated useful lives as follows: domain name and marketing – 3 to 20 years; software – 3 to 5 years, technology intangibles – 7 years, customer relationships – 7 to 15 years. Intangible amortization expense is \$3,977 and \$3,730 for the years ended December 28, 2019, and December 29, 2018, respectively.

### **Revenue Recognition**

We provide replacement appliances and provide appliance pickup and recycling services for consumers ("end users") of public utilities, our customers. We receive as part of our de-manufacturing and recycling process revenue from scrap dealers for refrigerant, steel, plastic, glass, copper and other residual items.

We account for revenue in accordance with Accounting Standards Update, or ASU, No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) and related ASU No. 2016-08, ASU No. 2016-10, ASU No. 2016-12 and ASU No. 2016-20, which provide supplementary guidance, and clarifications.

Under the revenue standard revenue is recognized as follows:

We determine revenue recognition through the following steps:

- a. Identification of the contract, or contracts, with a customer,
- b. Identification of the performance obligations in the contract,
- c. Determination of the transaction price,
- d. Allocation of the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract, and
- e. Recognition of revenue when, or as, we satisfy a performance obligation.

As part of its assessment of each contract, the Company evaluates certain factors including the customer's ability to pay, or credit risk. For each contract, the Company considers the promise to transfer products or services, each of which is distinct, to be the identified performance obligations. In determining the transaction price, the price stated on the contract is typically fixed and represents the net consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled per order, and therefore there is no variable consideration. As the Company's standard payment terms are less than 90 days, the Company has elected, as a practical expedient, to not assess whether a contract has a significant financing component. The Company allocates the transaction price to each distinct product or service based on its relative standalone selling price. The product or service price as specified on the contract is considered the standalone selling price as it is an observable source that depicts the price as if sold to a similar customer in similar circumstances.

#### *Replacement Product Revenue*

We generate revenue by providing replacement appliances. We recognize revenue at the point in time when control over the replacement product is transferred to the end user, when our performance obligations are satisfied, which typically occur upon delivery from our center facility and installation at the end user's home.

#### *Recycling Services Revenue*

We generate revenue by providing pickup and recycling services. We recognize revenue at the point in time when we have picked up a to be recycled appliance and transfer of ownership has occurred, and therefore our performance obligations are satisfied, which typically occur upon pickup from our end user's home.

#### *Byproduct Revenue*

We generate other recycling byproduct revenue (the sale of copper, steel, plastic and other recoverable non-refrigerant byproducts) as part of our de-manufacturing process. We recognize byproduct revenue upon delivery and transfer of control of byproduct to a third-party recycling customer, having a mutually agreed upon price per pound and collection reasonably assured. Transfer of control occurs at the time the customer is in possession of the byproduct material. Revenue recognized is a function of byproduct weight, type and in some cases volume of the byproduct delivered multiplied by the market rate as quoted.

#### *Technology Revenue*

We currently are not generating any revenue from our Technology segment.

#### *Biotechnology Revenue*

We currently are not generating any revenue in our Biotechnology segment

#### *Contract Liability*

Receivables are recognized in the period we ship the product or provide the service. Payment terms on invoiced amounts are based on contractual terms with each customer. When we receive consideration, or such consideration is unconditionally due, prior to transferring goods or services to the customer under the terms of a sales contract, we record deferred revenue, which represents a contract liability. We recognize a contract liability as net sales once control of goods and/or services have been transferred to the customer and all revenue recognition criteria have been met and any constraints have been resolved. We defer the product costs until recognition of the related revenue occurs.

#### *Assets Recognized from Costs to Obtain a Contract with a Customer*

We recognize an asset for the incremental costs of obtaining a contract with a customer if it expects the benefit of those costs to be longer than one year. We have concluded that no material costs have been incurred to obtain and fulfill our FASB Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC 606 contracts, meet the capitalization criteria, and as such, there are no material costs deferred and recognized as assets on the consolidated balance sheet at December 28, 2019 or December 29, 2018.

#### *Other:*

- a. Taxes collected from customers and remitted to government authorities and that are related to sales of our products are excluded from revenues.
- b. Sales commissions are expensed when incurred because the amortization period would have been one year or less. These costs are recorded in Selling, General and Administrative expense.
- c. We do not disclose the value of unsatisfied performance obligations for (i) contracts with original expected lengths of one year or less or (ii) contracts for which we recognize revenue at the amount to which we have the right to invoice for the services performed.

Revenue recognized for Company contracts - \$32,136 and \$32,459 for the 52 weeks ended December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, respectively. Byproduct revenue is non-contract revenue and amounts for Byproduct revenue have been excluded from Revenue recognized for Company contracts for all periods presented.

#### **Shipping and Handling**

The Company classifies shipping and handling charged to customers as revenues and classifies costs relating to shipping and handling as cost of revenues.

### **Advertising Expense**

Advertising expense is charged to operations as incurred. Advertising expense was \$827 and \$1,101 for the years ended December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, respectively.

### **Fair Value Measurements**

ASC Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures," requires disclosure of the fair value of financial instruments held by the Company. ASC Topic 825, "Financial Instruments," defines fair value, and establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy for disclosures of fair value measurement that enhances disclosure requirements for fair value measures. The three levels of valuation hierarchy are defined as follows: Level 1 - inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets. Level 2 - to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument. Level 3 - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

### **Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method. The asset and liability method requires recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for expected future tax consequences of temporary differences that currently exist between tax bases and financial reporting bases of the Company's assets and liabilities. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which these temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. A valuation allowance is provided on deferred taxes if it is determined that it is more likely than not that the asset will not be realized. The Company recognizes penalties and interest accrued related to income tax liabilities in the provision for income taxes in its Consolidated Statements of Income.

Significant management judgment is required to determine the amount of benefit to be recognized in relation to an uncertain tax position. The Company uses a two-step process to evaluate tax positions. The first step requires an entity to determine whether it is more likely than not (greater than 50% chance) that the tax position will be sustained. The second step requires an entity to recognize in the financial statements the benefit of a tax position that meets the more-likely-than-not recognition criterion. The amounts ultimately paid upon resolution of issues raised by taxing authorities may differ materially from the amounts accrued and may materially impact the financial statements of the Company in future periods.

### **Lease Accounting**

We adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842) at the beginning of our fiscal year, December 30, 2018, using the modified retrospective approach with transition relief. This accounting standard requires all lessees to record the impact of leasing contracts on the balance sheet as a right to use asset and corresponding liability. This is measured by taking the present value of the remaining lease payments over the lease term and recording a right to use asset ("ROU") and corresponding lease obligation for lease payments. Rent expense is realized on a straight-line basis and the lease obligation is amortized based on the effective interest method. Adoption of this standard resulted in the recognition of a \$1,600 Right of Use asset and corresponding liability and a \$63 adjustment to retained earnings. Adoption of the new standard did not materially impact our consolidated net earnings or cash flows. The amounts recognized reflect the present value of remaining lease payments for all leases that have a lease term greater than 12 months. The discount rate used is an estimate of the Company's incremental borrowing rate based on information available at lease commencement.

In considering the lease asset value, the Company considers fixed or variable payment terms, prepayments and options to extend, terminate or purchase. Renewal, termination or purchase options affect the lease term used for determining lease asset value only if the option is reasonably certain to be exercised. The Company uses an estimate of its incremental borrowing rate based on information available at lease commencement in determining present value of lease payments.

We lease warehouse facilities and office space. These assets and properties are generally leased under noncancelable agreements that expire at various dates through 2023 with various renewal options for additional periods. The agreements, which have and continue to be classified as operating leases, generally provide for base rent and require us to pay all insurance, taxes and other maintenance costs. The Company's operating leases are exclusively for building space in the different cities we have operations. The lease terms typically last from 2-3 years with some being longer or shorter depending on needs of the business and the lease partners. The Company has also engaged in month to month leases for parking spaces that the Company has elected to expense as incurred. Our lease agreements do not include variable lease payments. Our lessors do offer options to extend lease terms as leases expire and management evaluates against current rental markets and other strategic factors in making the decision to renew. When leases are within 6 months of being renewed, management will estimate probabilities of renewing for an additional term based on market and strategic factors and if the probability is more likely than not that the lease will be renewed, the financials will assume the lease is renewed under the lease renewal option.

The operating leases we have do not contain residual value guarantees and do not contain restrictive covenants. The Company currently has one sublease in Ontario, Canada.

Leases accounted under ASC 842 were determined based on analysis of the lease contracts using lease payments and timing as documented in the contract. Non lease contracts were also evaluated to understand if the contract terms provided for an asset that we controlled and provided us with substantially all the economic benefits. We did not observe any contracts with embedded leases. Lease contracts were reviewed, and distinctions made between non lease and lease payments. Only payments related to the lease of the asset were included in lease payment calculations. Management uses an estimation of its incremental borrowing rate at lease commencement over similar terms as the lease contracts in determining the present value of its lease obligations.

Adopting the new lease standard had minimal impact on consolidated earnings and cash flows.

The weighted average lease term for operating leases is 24 months and the weighted average discount rate is 8%.

### **Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company from time to time grants restricted stock awards and options to employees, non-employees and Company executives and directors. Such awards are valued based on the grant date fair-value of the instruments, net of estimated forfeitures. The value of each award is amortized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period.

### **Foreign Currency**

The financial statements of the Company's non-U.S. subsidiary are translated into U.S. dollars in accordance with ASC 830, Foreign Currency Matters. Under ASC 830, if the assets and liabilities of the Company are recorded in certain non-U.S. functional currencies other than the U.S. dollar, they are translated at rates of exchange at year end. Revenue and expense items are translated at the average monthly exchange rates. The resulting translation adjustments are recorded directly into accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

### **Earnings Per Share**

Earnings per share is calculated in accordance with ASC 260, "Earnings Per Share". Under ASC 260 basic earnings per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period except that it does not include unvested restricted stock subject to cancellation. Diluted earnings per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares and, if dilutive, potential common shares outstanding during the period. Potential common shares consist of the incremental common shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants, options, restricted shares and convertible preferred stock. The dilutive effect of outstanding restricted shares, options and warrants is reflected in diluted earnings per share by application of the treasury stock method. Convertible preferred stock is reflected on an if-converted basis.

## Segment Reporting

ASC Topic 280, “*Segment Reporting*,” requires use of the “management approach” model for segment reporting. The management approach model is based on the way a Company’s management organizes segments within the Company for making operating decisions and assessing performance. The Company determined it has three reportable segments (See Note 21).

## Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company maintains cash balances at several banks in several states including, Minnesota, California and Nevada. Accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250 per institution. At times, balances may exceed federally insured limits.

## Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

### *Credit Losses*

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued ASU No. 2016-13, Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments, which introduces a new approach to estimate credit losses on certain types of financial instruments based on expected losses instead of incurred losses. It also modifies the impairment model for available-for-sale debt securities and provides a simplified accounting model for purchased financial assets with credit deterioration since their origination. ASU No. 2016-13 is effective for smaller reporting companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022 and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently assessing the impact of adopting this new accounting standard on our Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures.

## Note 3: Trade and other receivables

	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
Trade receivables, net	\$ 7,226	\$ 5,064
Factored accounts receivable	(2,165 )	(582 )
Prestige Capital reserve receivable	415	106
Due from Reclaim	913	819
Other receivables	189	397
Trade and other receivables, net	<u>\$ 6,578</u>	<u>\$ 5,804</u>
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 5,928	\$ 3,350
Un-billed trade receivables	1,327	1,743
Accounts receivable reserve	(29)	(29)
Total trade receivables, net	<u>\$ 7,226</u>	<u>\$ 5,064</u>

## Note 4: Note receivable

On December 30, 2017, we signed an agreement to dispose of our retail appliance segment. ApplianceSmart Holdings LLC (the “Purchaser”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Live Ventures Incorporated, entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Company and ApplianceSmart, then a subsidiary of the Company. ApplianceSmart is a retail chain specializing in new and out-of-the-box appliances. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Purchaser purchased from the Company all the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock (the “Stock”) of ApplianceSmart in exchange for \$6,500 (the “Purchase Price”). The Purchase Price per the Agreement was due and payable on or before March 31, 2018.

Between March 31, 2018 and April 24, 2018, the Purchaser and the Company negotiated in good faith the method of payment of the remaining outstanding balance of the Purchase Price. On April 25, 2018, the Purchaser delivered to the Company a promissory note (the “ApplianceSmart Note”) in the original principal amount of \$3,919 (the “Original Principal Amount”), as such amount may be adjusted per the terms of the ApplianceSmart Note. The

ApplianceSmart Note is effective as of April 1, 2018 and matures on April 1, 2021 (the “Maturity Date”). The ApplianceSmart Note bears interest at 5% per annum with interest and principal payable at the Maturity Date. ApplianceSmart provided the Company a guaranty of repayment of the ApplianceSmart Note. The remaining \$2,581 of the Purchase Price was paid in cash by the Purchaser to the Company. The Purchaser may reborrow funds, and pay interest on such re-borrowings, from the Company up to the Original Principal Amount. Subsequent to December 30, 2017, ApplianceSmart assumed \$1,901 in liabilities from the Company. For the 52 weeks ended December 29, 2018, the original balance owed to the Company of \$6,500, increased with new borrowings of \$1,819 and decreased with repayments of \$2,581 and debt assumed of \$1,901 represents a net amount due from the Purchaser, now in the form of a note receivable.

On December 26, 2018, the ApplianceSmart Note was amended and restated to grant the Company a security interest in the assets of the Purchaser, ApplianceSmart, and ApplianceSmart Contracting Inc. in exchange for modifying the repayments terms to provide for the payment in full of all accrued interest and principal on the Maturity Date of the ApplianceSmart Note.

On March 15, 2019, the Company entered into agreements with third parties pursuant to which it agreed to subordinate the payment of indebtedness under the ApplianceSmart Note and the Company’s security interest in the assets of ApplianceSmart in exchange for a prepayment of up to \$1,200. Additionally, the Company advanced ApplianceSmart \$355 during fiscal 2019 under the ApplianceSmart Note.

On December 9, 2019, ApplianceSmart filed a voluntary petition in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York seeking relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code. As a result, the Company has recorded an impairment charge of \$2,992 for the amount owed by ApplianceSmart to the Company as of December 28, 2019. The outstanding balance of the ApplianceSmart Note at December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018 was \$2,992 and \$3,837, respectively, exclusive of the impairment charge.

**Note 5: Inventory**

Inventories of continuing operations, consisting principally of appliances, are stated at the lower of cost, determined on a specific identification basis, or net realizable value and consist of the following as of December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018:

	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
Appliances held for resale	\$ 1,148	\$ 801
Raw material - chips	200	—
<b>Total inventory</b>	<b>\$ 1,348</b>	<b>\$ 801</b>

We provide estimated provisions for the obsolescence of our appliance inventories, as necessary, including adjustments to net realizable value, based on various factors, including the age of such inventory and our management’s assessment of the need for such provisions. We look at historical inventory aging reports and margin analyses in determining our provision estimate. A revised cost basis is used once a provision for obsolescence is recorded.

**Note 6: Prepaids and other current assets**

Prepaids and other current assets as of December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018 consist of the following:

	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
Prepaid insurance	\$ 282	\$ 271
Prepaid consulting fees	—	265
Prepaid other	74	81
Debt issuance costs, net	—	419
	<b>\$ 356</b>	<b>\$ 1,036</b>

*Debt issuance costs, net*

On November 8, 2016, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement with Energy Efficiency Investments, LLC (“EEI”) pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue up to \$7,732 principal amount of 3% Original Issue Discount Senior Convertible Promissory Notes of the Company and related common stock purchase warrants. These notes may be issued from time to time, up to such aggregate principal amount, at the request of the Company, subject to certain conditions, or at the option of EEI. Interest accrued at the rate of 8% per annum on the principal amount of the notes outstanding from time to time, and was payable at maturity or, if earlier, upon conversion of these notes. The debt issuance costs of the EEI note at the time of the agreement were \$740 and were being amortized over 60 months. The debt issuance costs were considered an asset for accounting purposes since the Company did not have any principal outstanding. On December 31, 2019, the Company terminated its agreement with EEI, as a result, the Company fully amortized debt issuance costs of \$419 during the 2019 fiscal year.

**Note 7: Property and equipment**

Property and equipment of continuing operations as of December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018 consist of the following:

	Useful Life (Years)	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
Buildings and improvements	3-30	\$ 69	\$ 67
Equipment	3-15	2,314	2,166
Projects under construction		120	58
Property and equipment		2,503	2,291
Less accumulated depreciation		(2,179)	(2,080)
Property and equipment, net		<u>\$ 324</u>	<u>\$ 211</u>

Depreciation expense was \$99 and \$268 for fiscal years 2019 and 2018, respectively. During 2018, property and equipment with a net book value of \$54 was sold resulting in a gain on sale of \$5.

**Note 8: Intangible assets**

Intangible assets as of December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018 consist of the following:

	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
Intangible assets GeoTraq	\$ 26,096	\$ 26,096
Patents and domains	23	19
Computer software	4,167	3,883
	30,286	29,998
Less accumulated amortization	(12,581)	(8,604)
	<u>\$ 17,705</u>	<u>\$ 21,394</u>

The useful life and amortization period of the GeoTraq intangible acquired is seven years. Intangible amortization expense for continuing operations was \$3,977 and \$3,730 for fiscal years 2019 and 2018, respectively.

The final fair value of the single identifiable intangible asset acquired in the GeoTraq acquisition is a U.S. patent USPTO reference No. 10,182,402 titled “Locator Device with Low Power Consumption” together with the assignment of intellectual property that included historical know-how, designs and related manufacturing procedures was \$26,097, which included the deferred income tax liability associated with the intangible asset. Total consideration paid in connection with the acquisition of GeoTraq consisted of \$200 in cash, unsecured promissory notes bearing interest at the annual rate of 1.29% maturing on August 18, 2018 in the aggregate principal of \$800, and 288,588 shares (exact number) of Series A-1 Preferred Stock (as defined below) with a final fair value of \$14,963. See Note 17 – Series A-1 Preferred Stock. In connection with the acquisition, an additional intangible asset amount was recorded in the amount of \$10,134 and an offsetting deferred tax liability recorded of the same amount,

\$10,134, to reflect the future tax liability attributable to the GeoTraq asset acquired. There were no other assets acquired or liabilities assumed

**Note 9: Deposits and other assets**

Deposits and other assets of continuing operations as of December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018 consist of the following:

	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
Deposits	\$ 195	\$ 561
Other	77	100
	<u>\$ 272</u>	<u>\$ 661</u>

Deposits are primarily refundable security deposits with landlords the Company leases property from.

**Note 10: Leases**

We adopted ASC 842 as of the beginning of our fiscal year. The adoption of this new accounting standard required us to recognize a Right of Use Assets for our operating leases of \$1,600. The amount recorded is the present value of all remaining lease payments for leases with terms greater than 12 months. The right of use asset is offset by a corresponding liability. The discount rate is based on an estimate of our incremental borrowing rate for terms similar to our lease terms at the time of lease commencement. The asset will be amortized over remaining lease terms.

Using the modified retrospective approach with transition relief, we recorded operating lease right of use assets and obligations of approximately \$1,600 and a \$63 adjustment to retained earnings. Adoption of the new standard did not materially impact our consolidated net earnings or cash flows. The amounts recognized reflect the present value of remaining lease payments for all leases. The discount rate used is an estimate of the Company's incremental borrowing rate based on information available at lease commencement. In considering the lease asset value, the company considers fixed and variable payment terms, prepayments and options to extend, terminate or purchase. Renewal, termination or purchase options affect the lease term used for determining lease asset value only if the option is reasonably certain to be exercised. See the Note 2 on Lease Accounting.

Total present value of lease payments as of December 28, 2019:

2020	\$	1,161
2021		705
2022		162
2023		50
Total		<u>2,078</u>
Less interest		(149)
Present value of payments	\$	<u>1,929</u>

During the year ended December 28, 2019, \$1,284 was included in operating cash flow for amounts paid for operating leases.

Additionally, we obtained right-of-use assets in exchange for lease liabilities of approximately \$1,400 upon commencement of operating leases during the year ended December 28, 2019.

**Note 11: Accrued liabilities**

Accrued liabilities of continuing operations as of December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018 consist of the following:

	<u>December 28, 2019</u>	<u>December 29, 2018</u>
Compensation and benefits	\$ 809	\$ 567
Contract liability	515	—
Accrued incentive and rebate checks	988	316
Accrued rent	228	16
Accrued guarantees	767	—
Other	631	219
	<u>\$ 3,938</u>	<u>\$ 1,118</u>

**Note 12: Accrued liability – California sales tax**

We operate in fourteen states in the U.S. and in various provinces in Canada. From time to time, we are subject to sales and use tax audits that could result in additional taxes, penalties and interest owed to various taxing authorities.

The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (formerly known as the California Board of Equalization) (“CDTFA”) conducted a sales and use tax examination covering ARCA Recycling’s California operations for years 2011, 2012 and 2013. The Company believed it was exempt from collecting sales taxes under service agreements with utility customers that included appliance replacement programs. During the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company received communication from the CDTFA indicating they were not in agreement with the Company’s interpretation of the law. As a result, the Company applied for and, as of February 9, 2015, received approval to participate in the CDTFA’s Managed Audit Program. The period covered under this program included years 2011, 2012, 2013 and extended through the nine-month period ended September 30, 2014.

On April 13, 2017 the Company received the formal CDTFA assessment for sales tax for tax years 2011, 2012 and 2013 in the amount of \$4,132 plus applicable interest of approximately \$500 related to the appliance replacement programs that the Company administered on behalf of its customers on which it did not assess, collect or remit sales tax. The Company has appealed this assessment to the CDTFA Appeals Bureau. The appeal remains in process. Interest continues to accrue until the matter is settled.

As of December 28, 2019, and December 29, 2018, our accrued liability for California sales tax was \$5,438 and \$4,722, respectively.

**Note 13: Income taxes**

For fiscal year 2019 and 2018, we recorded an income tax benefit of \$3,197 and \$727, respectively, which consisted of the following:

	<u>For the 52-week period ended</u>	
	<u>December 28, 2019</u>	<u>December 29, 2018</u>
Current tax expense:		
State	\$ (80)	\$ (511)
Federal	—	(8)
Current tax expense	\$ (80)	\$ (519)
Deferred tax benefit - domestic	3,277	1,246
Benefit of income taxes	<u>\$ 3,197</u>	<u>\$ 727</u>

A reconciliation of our benefit of income taxes with the federal statutory tax rate for fiscal year 2019 and 2018 is shown below:

	For the 52-week period ended	
	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
U.S statutory rate	21.00 %	21.00 %
State tax rate	1.79 %	-14.02 %
Foreign rate differential	0.16 %	0.00 %
Permanent differences	-0.13 %	-0.52 %
Change in valuation allowance	-0.67 %	12.63 %
Other	-0.60 %	-5.87 %
	<u>21.55 %</u>	<u>13.22 %</u>

Loss before benefit of income taxes was derived from the following sources for fiscal years 2019 and 2018 as shown below:

	For the 52-week period ended	
	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
United States	\$ (14,497)	\$ (5,500)
Canada	(664)	(835)
	<u>\$ (15,161)</u>	<u>\$ (6,335)</u>

The components of net deferred tax assets (liabilities) as of December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, are as follows:

	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
Deferred tax assets (liabilities):		
Allowance for bad debts	\$ 802	\$ 7
Accrued expenses	1,623	998
Accrued compensation	62	39
Prepaid expenses	(93)	(147)
Net operating loss	2,045	292
Lease liability	504	—
Tax credits	256	256
Share-based compensation	125	271
Intangibles	(4,585)	(5,068)
Property and equipment	(652)	(103)
Deferred rent	—	12
Unrealized losses (gains)	141	129
Section 163(j) interest	288	172
	<u>516</u>	<u>(3,142)</u>
Less: valuation allowance	(786)	(407)
Net deferred tax assets (liabilities)	<u>\$ (270)</u>	<u>\$ (3,549)</u>

As of December 28, 2019, the Company has net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$6,600 for federal income tax purposes, which will be available to offset future taxable income. Due to recent tax legislation, these net operating losses are eligible for indefinite carryforward, limited by certain taxable income limitations. The Company has certain foreign tax credits available but has recorded a full valuation allowance against these tax credits until the Company has sufficient foreign source income to utilize these credits. The Company continues to have a full valuation allowance against its Canadian operations. The Company released approximately \$700 of valuation allowance related to state net operating losses due to sufficient income in those jurisdictions or otherwise expired.

The Company annually conducts an analysis of its uncertain tax positions and has concluded that it has no uncertain tax positions as of December 31, 2019. The Company's policy is to record uncertain tax positions as a component of income tax expense. The Company was selected for examination by the IRS for its 2016 tax year which was settled in November 2019 with no adjustments.

**Note 14: Short term debt**

Short term debt and other financing obligations as of December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, consist of the following:

	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
AFCO Finance	\$ 155	\$ 193
GE 8% loan agreement	125	482
Total short term debt	<u>\$ 280</u>	<u>\$ 675</u>

*MidCap Financial Trust*

On May 10, 2017, we entered into a Credit and Security Agreement ("Credit Agreement") with MidCap Financial Trust ("MidCap Financial Trust"), as a lender and as agent for itself and other lenders under the Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement provided us with a \$12,000 revolving line of credit, which may be increased to \$16,000 under certain terms and conditions (the "MidCap Revolver"). The MidCap Revolver had a stated maturity date of May 10, 2020. The MidCap Revolver was collateralized by a security interest in substantially all of our assets. The lender was also secured by an inventory repurchase agreement with Whirlpool Corporation for Whirlpool purchases only.

On March 22, 2018, the Company terminated the Credit Agreement, together with the related revolving loan note and pledge agreement. The Company did not incur any termination penalties as a result of the termination of the Credit Agreement. The Company classified the MidCap Revolver as a current liability until March 22, 2018, at which time the MidCap Revolver was terminated and paid in full. The security interests held by the Lender in substantially all Company assets were released following termination and payoff on March 22, 2018.

*AFCO Finance*

On July 2, 2018, we entered into a financing agreement with AFCO Credit Corporation ("AFCO") purchased through Marsh Insurance to fund the annual premiums on insurance policies due June 1, 2018. These policies related to workers' compensation and various liability policies including, but not limited to, General, Auto, Umbrella, Property, and Directors' and Officers' insurance. The total amount of the premiums financed was \$556 with an interest rate of 4.5%. An initial down payment of \$56 was due before July 1, 2018 with additional monthly payments of: \$57 will be made beginning July 1, 2018 and ending September 1, 2018; and \$65 will be made beginning October 1, 2018 and ending March 1, 2019.

On June 1, 2019 we entered into two other financing agreements with AFCO purchased through Marsh Insurance to fund annual premiums on insurance policies due June 1, 2019. These policies related to worker's compensation and various liability policies including but not limited to, General Auto, Umbrella, Property, Directors' and Officers' insurance. The total amount of the premiums financed in aggregate was \$471 at an annual percentage rate of 4.9%. An initial down payment of \$103 was due at signing with additional monthly payments of \$54 due starting on July 1, 2019 and continuing through March 1, 2020.

The outstanding principal due AFCO at December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018 was \$155 and \$193, respectively.

*GE*

On August 14, 2017 as a part of the sale of the Company's equity interest in AAP, Reclim LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Reclim"), agreed to undertake, pay or assume the Company's GE obligations consisting of a promissory note (GE 8% loan agreement) and other payables which were incurred after the issuance of such

promissory note. Recleim has agreed to indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any action to be taken by GE relating to such obligations. The Company has an offsetting receivable due from Recleim. Recleim has paid into an escrow account the money to pay the GE 8% loan agreement in full. The money will not be remitted to GE until the outcome of the arbitration of the legal matter described in Note 15.

#### **Note 15: Commitments and Contingencies**

##### *Litigation*

On December 29, 2016, the Company served a Minnesota state court complaint for breach of contract on Skybridge Americas, Inc. (“SA”), the Company’s primary call center vendor throughout 2015 and most of 2016. The Company seeks damages in the millions of dollars as a result of alleged overcharging by SA and lost client contracts. On January 25, 2017, SA served a counterclaim for unpaid invoices in the amount of approximately \$460 plus interest and attorneys’ fees. On March 29, 2017, the Hennepin County district court (the “District Court”) dismissed the Company’s breach of contract claim based on SA’s overuse of its Canadian call center but permitted the Company’s remaining claims to proceed. Following motion practice, on January 8, 2018 the District Court entered judgment in SA’s favor, which was amended as of February 28, 2018, for a total amount of \$614, including interest and attorneys’ fees. On March 4, 2019, the Minnesota Court of Appeals (the “Court of Appeals”) ruled and (i) reversed the District Court’s judgment in favor of Skybridge on the call center location claim and remanded the issue back to the District Court for further proceedings, (ii) reversed the District Court’s judgment in favor of Skybridge on the net payment issue and remanded the issue to the District Court for further proceedings, and (iii) affirmed the District Court’s judgment in Skybridge’s favor against the Company’s claim that Skybridge breached the contract when it failed to meet the service level agreements. As a result of the decision by the Court of Appeals, the District Court’s award of interest and attorneys’ fees, etc. was reversed. The Company expects that the District Court will issue a new scheduling order providing deadlines for resumed discovery, motion practice, and alternative dispute resolution, leading to a trial.

On November 15, 2016, the Company served an arbitration demand on Haier US Appliance Solutions, Inc., dba GE Appliances (“GEA”), alleging breach of contract and interference with prospective business advantage. The Company seeks over \$2,000 in damages. On April 18, 2017, GEA served a counterclaim for approximately \$337 in alleged obligations under the parties’ recycling agreement. Simultaneously with serving its counterclaim in the arbitration, which is venued in Chicago, GEA filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky seeking damages of approximately \$530 plus interest and attorneys’ fees allegedly owed under a previous agreement between the parties. On December 12, 2017, the court stayed GEA’s complaint in favor of the arbitration. Under the terms of the Company’s transaction with Recleim LLC (“Recleim”), Recleim is obligated to pay GEA on the Company’s behalf the amounts claimed by GEA in the arbitration and in the lawsuit pending in Kentucky. Those amounts have been paid into escrow pending the outcome of the arbitration. Arbitration proceedings were held in October and November 2019. On March 5, 2020, the arbitrator ruled in part in favor of the Company and in part in favor of GEA, and, as a result, GEA was awarded approximately \$125 in damages.

AMTIM Capital, Inc. (“AMTIM”) acts as the Company’s representative to market our recycling services in Canada under an arrangement that pays AMTIM for revenues generated by recycling services in Canada as set forth in the agreement between the parties. A dispute has arisen between AMTIM and the Company with respect to the calculation of amounts due to AMTIM pursuant to the agreement. In a lawsuit filed in the province of Ontario, AMTIM claims a discrepancy in the calculation of fees due to AMTIM by the Company of approximately \$2,000. Although the outcome of this claim is uncertain, the Company believes that no further amounts are due under the terms of the agreement and that we will continue to defend our position relative to this lawsuit.

On or about July 22, 2019, Trustee Main/270, LLC (the “Reynoldsburg Landlord”) filed a lawsuit against ApplianceSmart, Inc. and the Company in the Franklin County Common Pleas Court in Columbus, Ohio, alleging, with respect to ApplianceSmart, default under a lease agreement and, with respect to the Company, guaranty of lease. The complaint sought damages of \$1,530, attorney fees, and other charges. On or about September 27, 2019, the parties entered into a second lease modification agreement and ratification of agreement (the “Second Lease Modification Agreement”) whereby the Reynoldsburg Landlord restored ApplianceSmart Inc.’s access to the property. Pursuant to the terms of the Second Lease Modification Agreement, in exchange for such restored access, ApplianceSmart, Inc. paid the Reynoldsburg Landlord \$141 in partial satisfaction of past due rent and costs and the Reynoldsburg Landlord agreed to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice. In addition, the Reynoldsburg Landlord

agreed to reduced minimum annual rent for the remainder of the term and waived the rent due for October 2019, December 2019, and January 2020. In addition, the Company ratified its guaranty under the lease.

#### *Other Commitments*

As previously disclosed and as discussed in Note 4: Note receivable, on December 30, 2017, the Company disposed of its retail appliance segment and sold ApplianceSmart to the Purchaser. In connection with that sale, as of December 28, 2019 the Company has an aggregate amount of future real property lease payments of \$767, which represents amounts guaranteed or which may be owed under certain lease agreements to third party landlords in which the Company either remains the counterparty, is a guarantor, or has agreed to remain contractually liable under the lease ("ApplianceSmart Leases").

The Company evaluated the fair value of its potential obligation under the guidance of ASC 450: Contingencies and ASC 460: Guarantees. As a result, the Company accrued the amount of liability associated with these future guaranteed lease payments. The fair value was calculated based on the amounts reported as part of the bankruptcy proceedings as ApplianceSmart terminated the leases prior to the lease termination date.

As of December 29, 2018, the Company has an aggregate amount of future real property lease payments of approximately \$5,000, which represents amounts guaranteed or which may be owed under certain lease agreements to third party landlords in which the Company either remains the counterparty, is a guarantor, or has agreed to remain contractually liable under the lease. As of December 29, 2018, there were six ApplianceSmart Leases with Company guarantees, one terminating February 28, 2019, December 31, 2020, April 30, 2021, August 14, 2021, December 31, 2022 and June 30, 2025, respectively.

For the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018, the Company had not recorded any accrued liability associated with these future guaranteed lease payments as the fair value of the potential liability was immaterial and it was not probable the Company would have any cash outflow resulting from the guarantee. The fair value was calculated based on the undiscounted lease payments, a discount rate equivalent to current interest rates associated with the leased real estate and a remote probability weighting of 1%.

The ApplianceSmart Leases either have the Company as the contract tenant only, or in the contract reflects a joint tenancy with ApplianceSmart. ApplianceSmart is the occupant of the ApplianceSmart Leases. The Company does not have the right to use the ApplianceSmart lease assets nor is the Company the primary obligor of the lease payments, hence capitalization under ASC 840 is not required. The ApplianceSmart Leases have historically been used by ApplianceSmart for their operations and the consideration has and is being paid by ApplianceSmart historically and in the future.

Any potential amounts paid out for the Company obligations and or guarantees under ApplianceSmart Leases would be recoverable to the extent there are assets available from ApplianceSmart. ApplianceSmart Leases are related party transactions. The Company divested itself of the ApplianceSmart Leases and leaseholds with the sale to Purchaser on December 30, 2017.

The Company is party from time to time to other ordinary course disputes that we do not believe to be material to our financial condition as of December 28, 2019.

#### Contract liabilities rollforward

The following table summarizes the contract liability activity for the year ended December 28, 2019:

Beginning balance, December 29, 2018	\$	—
Accrued		553
Settled		(38)
Ending balance, December 28, 2019	\$	<u>515</u>

**Note 16: Series A Preferred Stock**

On August 18, 2017, the Company acquired GeoTraq by way of merger, the result of which GeoTraq became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. In connection with this transaction, the Company tendered to the owners of GeoTraq \$200, issued to them an aggregate of 288,588 shares of the Company's Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series A Preferred Stock"), and entered into one-year unsecured promissory notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$800.

To accomplish the designation and issuance of the Series A Preferred Stock, we filed a Certificate of Designation with the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota. On November 9, 2017, we filed a Certificate of Correction with the Minnesota Secretary of State. In connection with the Reincorporation, we filed Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada on March 12, 2018, and a Certificate of Correction with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada on August 7, 2018 (collectively, the "Nevada Articles of Incorporation"). On June 21, 2019, we filed a Certificate of Designation (the "Series A-1 Certificate of Designation") of Powers, Preferences, and Rights of Series A-1 Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series A-1 Preferred Stock") with the Nevada Secretary of State. The following summary of the Nevada Articles of Incorporation and Series A-1 Certificate of Designation does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of applicable law and to the Nevada Articles of Incorporation and the Series A-1 Certificate of Designation, which are filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 13, 2018, as Exhibit 3.1. to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2018, and Exhibit 3.8 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on June 24, 2019.

The Series A-1 Convertible Preferred Stock was designated pursuant to guidance received from Nasdaq and has virtually all of the same rights, characteristics, and attributes as the Company's Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, except as required by the Listing Qualifications staff of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (i.e., Section 3.2.5 in respect of voting rights of the Series A-1 Convertible Preferred Stock and Section 3.2.1(f) in respect of a Triggering Event, as such term is defined therein, and the formula to be applied in connection therewith), with respect to each of which requirements the Company has already been in compliance. The filing of the Series A-1 Certificate of Designation was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors on June 18, 2019. The affirmative approval of a majority of the holders of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock for the exchange of such shares into shares of Series A-1 Convertible Preferred Stock occurred on or about June 19, 2019. The three holders of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock were deemed to have exchanged their shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock for an equivalent number of shares of Series A-1 Convertible Preferred Stock, or an aggregate of 259,729 shares.

Except as described above, the rights, characteristics, and attributes of the Series A-1 Preferred Stock are the same as described below. Except as described above and as set forth below, references below to "Series A Preferred Stock" include and shall be deemed to refer to "Series A-1 Preferred Stock" on and after June 19, 2019.

***Dividends***

We cannot declare, pay or set aside any dividends on shares of any other class or series of our capital stock unless (in addition to the obtaining of any consents required by our Articles of Incorporation) the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding shall first receive, or simultaneously receive, a dividend in the aggregate amount of \$1.00, regardless of the number of then-issued and outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock. Any remaining dividends allocated by the Board of Directors shall be distributed in an equal amount per share to the holders of outstanding common stock and Series A Preferred Stock (on an as-if-converted to common stock basis pursuant to the Conversion Ratio as defined below).

***Conversion***

The Series A Preferred Stock is not convertible into shares of our common stock except as described below.

Subject to the third sentence of this paragraph, each holder of a share of Series A-1 Preferred Stock has the right, exercisable at any time and from time to time (unless otherwise prohibited by law, rule or regulation, or as restricted below), to convert any or all of such holder's shares of Series A-1 Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock

at the conversion ratio. After giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split, the “conversion ratio” per share of the Series A-1 Preferred Stock is a ratio of 1:20, meaning one share of Series A-1 Preferred Stock, if and when converted into shares of our common stock, converts into 20 shares of our common stock. One share of Series A-1 Preferred stock converts into 20 shares of our common stock. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Certificate of Designation, a holder of Series A-1 Preferred Stock may not convert any of such holder’s shares and we may not issue any shares of our common stock in connection with a conversion that would trigger any Nasdaq requirement to obtain shareholder approval prior to such conversion or issuance in connection with such conversion that would be in excess of that number of shares of common stock equivalent to 19.9% of the number of shares of common stock as of August 18, 2017; *provided, however*, that holders of the Series A-1 Preferred Stock may effectuate any conversion and we are obligated to issue shares of common stock in connection with a conversion that would not trigger such a requirement. The foregoing restriction is of no further force or effect upon the approval of our stockholders in compliance with Nasdaq’s shareholder voting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Certificate of Designation, the holders of the Series A-1 Preferred Stock may not effectuate any conversion and we may not issue any shares of common stock in connection with a conversion until the later of (x) February 28, 2018 or (y) sixty-one days following the date on which our stockholders have approved the voting, conversion, and other potential rights of the holders of Series A-1 Preferred Stock described in the Certificate of Designation in accordance with the relevant Nasdaq requirements. On October 23, 2018, at the Company’s 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the Company’s shareholders approved of the future conversion of the shares of Series A-1 Preferred Stock into shares of the Company’s common stock.

**Note 17: Shareholders’ Equity**

Common Stock: After giving effect to the Reverse Stock Split, our Articles of Incorporation authorize 10,000,000 shares of common stock that may be issued from time to time having such rights, powers, preferences and designations as the Board of Directors may determine. During fiscal year 2019, 224,483 common shares were issued as compensation to employees and consultants with a fair value of \$500. During fiscal year 2018, 274,834 shares of common stock were granted and issued in lieu of professional services at a fair value of \$919, and EEI converted its outstanding note into 44,623 shares of common stock at a fair value of \$101. As of December 28, 2019, and December 29, 2018, there were 1,919,048 and 1,694,565 shares, respectively, of common stock issued and outstanding.

Stock options: The 2016 Plan, which replaces the 2011 Plan, authorizes the granting of awards in any of the following forms: (i) incentive stock options, (ii) nonqualified stock options, (iii) restricted stock awards, and (iv) restricted stock units, and expires on the earlier of October 28, 2026, or the date that all shares reserved under the 2016 Plan are issued or no longer available. The 2016 Plan provides for the issuance of up to 400,000 shares of common stock pursuant to awards granted under the 2016 Plan. Options granted to employees typically vest over two years, while grants to non-employee directors vest in six months. As of December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, 4,000 options were outstanding under the 2016 Plan.

Our 2011 Plan authorizes the granting of awards in any of the following forms: (i) stock options, (ii) stock appreciation rights, and (iii) other share-based awards, including but not limited to, restricted stock, restricted stock units or performance shares, and expires on the earlier of May 12, 2021, or the date that all shares reserved under the 2011 Plan are issued or no longer available. As of December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, 40,400 and 96,900 options, respectively, were outstanding under the 2011 Plan. No additional awards will be granted under the 2011 Plan.

No options were granted during fiscal year 2019 and 2018. All outstanding options are vested and exercisable.

Additional information relating to all outstanding options is as follows:

	Options Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life
Balance December 30, 2017	125,500	\$ 12.80	\$ —	4.22
Cancelled/expired	(24,600)	19.89		
Balance at December 29, 2018	100,900	\$ 11.07	\$ —	3.84
Cancelled/expired	(56,500)	9.30		
Balance at December 28, 2019	44,400	\$ 13.31	\$ —	3.00

We recognized share-based compensation expense of \$631 and \$656 for fiscal years 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Warrants:

As of December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, there were 33,363 warrants outstanding to purchase 33,363 shares of common stock at a price of \$3.40 per share that expire in May 2020.

**Note 18: Loss per share**

Net loss per share is calculated using the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the applicable period. Basic weighted average common shares outstanding do not include shares of restricted stock that have not yet vested, although such shares are included as outstanding shares in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet. Diluted net earnings per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and if dilutive, potential common shares outstanding during the period. Potential common shares consist of the additional common shares issuable in respect of restricted share awards, stock options and convertible preferred stock, including the Series A-1 Preferred Stock.

The following table presents the computation of basic and diluted net earnings per share:

	For the 52-Week Period Ended	
	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
Net loss	\$ (11,964)	\$ (5,608)
Basic loss per share	\$ (6.78)	\$ (3.75)
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ (6.78)	\$ (3.75)
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	1,763,670	1,494,941

Potentially dilutive securities were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per share for years ended December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018. Securities totalling 337,492 and 422,851, respectively, for each fiscal year, because the effects were anti-dilutive based on the application of the treasury stock method. Series A preferred shares issued and outstanding are excluded from dilutive securities until the conditions for conversion have been satisfied. See Notes 16 and 17.

**Note 19: Major customers and suppliers**

For the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, one customer represented 13% of our total revenues. For the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018, one customer represented 19 % of our total revenues. As of December 28, 2019, three customers each represented 10% or more of our total trade receivables for a combined total of 49%. As of December 29, 2018, three customers, each represented more than 10% of our total trade receivables, for a total of 38% of our total trade receivables.

During the fiscal years ended December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, we purchased appliances for resale from three suppliers. We have and are continuing to secure other vendors from which to purchase appliances. However, the curtailment or loss of one of these suppliers or any appliance supplier could adversely affect our operations.

**Note 20: Defined contribution plan**

We have a defined contribution salary deferral plan covering substantially all employees under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. We contribute an amount equal to 10 cents for each dollar contributed by each employee up to a maximum of 5% of each employee's compensation. We recognized expense for contributions to the plans of \$61 and \$40 for fiscal years 2019 and 2018, respectively.

**Note 21: Segment information**

We operate within targeted markets through three reportable segments: biotechnology, recycling and technology. The biotechnology segment started in September 2019 and is focused on development of new and innovative solutions for ending the opioid epidemic ranging from digital technologies to educational advocacy. The recycling segment includes all fees charged and costs incurred for collecting, recycling and installing appliances for utilities and other customers. The recycling segment also includes byproduct revenue, which is primarily generated through the recycling of appliances. The nature of products, services and customers for both segments varies significantly. As such, the segments are managed separately. Our Chief Executive Officer has been identified as the Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM"). The CODM evaluates performance and allocates resources based on sales and income from operations of each segment. Income (loss) from operations represents revenues less cost of revenues and operating expenses, including certain allocated selling, general and administrative costs. There are no intersegment sales or transfers.

The following tables present our segment information for fiscal years 2019 and 2018:

	For the 52-Week Period Ended	
	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
<b>Revenues</b>		
Recycling	\$ 35,097	\$ 36,794
Biotechnology	—	—
Technology	—	—
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 35,097</u>	<u>\$ 36,794</u>
<b>Gross profit</b>		
Recycling	\$ 7,786	\$ 11,053
Biotechnology	—	—
Technology	—	—
<b>Total Gross profit</b>	<u>\$ 7,786</u>	<u>\$ 11,053</u>
<b>Operating loss</b>		
Recycling	\$ (6,397)	\$ (1,051)
Biotechnology	(1,038)	—
Technology	(4,996)	(5,046)
<b>Total Operating loss</b>	<u>\$ (12,431)</u>	<u>\$ (6,097)</u>
<b>Depreciation and amortization</b>		
Recycling	\$ 346	\$ 268
Biotechnology	—	—
Technology	3,730	3,730
<b>Total Depreciation and amortization</b>	<u>\$ 4,076</u>	<u>\$ 3,998</u>
<b>Interest expense, net</b>		
Recycling	\$ 1,480	\$ 668
Biotechnology	—	—
Technology	—	—
<b>Total Interest expense</b>	<u>\$ 1,480</u>	<u>\$ 668</u>
<b>Net loss before provision for income taxes</b>		
Recycling	\$ (9,008)	\$ (1,289)
Biotechnology	(1,038)	—
Technology	(5,115)	(5,046)
<b>Total Net loss before provision for income taxes</b>	<u>\$ (15,161)</u>	<u>\$ (6,335)</u>
	As of	As of
	December 28, 2019	December 29, 2018
<b>Assets</b>		
Recycling	\$ 11,505	\$ 13,985
Biotechnology	—	—
Technology	17,529	21,055
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 29,034</u>	<u>\$ 35,040</u>
<b>Intangible Assets</b>		
Recycling	\$ 465	\$ 425
Biotechnology	—	—
Technology	17,240	20,969
<b>Total Intangible Assets</b>	<u>\$ 17,705</u>	<u>\$ 21,394</u>

**Note 22: Related parties**

Tony Isaac, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, is the father of Jon Isaac, President and Chief Executive Officer of Live Ventures Incorporated ("Live") and managing member of Isaac Capital Group LLC, a greater than 5% stockholder of the Company. Tony Isaac, Chief Executive Officer, Virland Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, Richard Butler, Board of Directors member, and Dennis Gao, Board of Directors member of the Company, are Board of Directors member, Chief Financial Officer, Board of Directors member, and Board of Directors members, respectively, of Live. The Company also shares certain executive, accounting and legal services with Live. The total services shared were \$193 and \$211 for fiscal years ending December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, respectively. Customer Connexx rents approximately 9,879 square feet of office space from Live Ventures Incorporated at its Las Vegas, NV office. The total rent and common area expense were \$177 and \$174 for fiscal years ending December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, respectively.

*ApplianceSmart Note*

On December 30, 2017, Purchaser entered into the Agreement with the Company and ApplianceSmart. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Purchaser purchased from the Company all of the Stock of ApplianceSmart in exchange for the Purchase Price. Effective April 1, 2018, the Purchaser issued the ApplianceSmart Note with a three-year term in the original principal amount of \$3,919 for the balance of the purchase price. ApplianceSmart is guaranteeing the repayment of the ApplianceSmart Note.

On December 26, 2018, the ApplianceSmart Note was amended and restated to grant the Company a security interest in the assets of the Purchaser, ApplianceSmart, and ApplianceSmart Contracting Inc. in exchange for modifying the repayment terms to provide for the payment in full of all accrued interest and principal on April 1, 2021, the maturity date of the ApplianceSmart Note.

On March 15, 2019, the Company entered into subordination agreements with third parties pursuant to which it agreed to subordinate the payment of indebtedness under the ApplianceSmart Note and the Company's security interest in the assets of ApplianceSmart and other related parties in exchange for up to \$1,200 payable within 15 days of the agreement. ApplianceSmart can re-borrow up to the principal amount of the Note, \$3,919. Additionally, the Company advanced ApplianceSmart \$355 during fiscal 2019 under the ApplianceSmart Note.

On December 9, 2019, ApplianceSmart filed a voluntary petition (the "Chapter 11 Case") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") seeking relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

For discussion related to potential obligations and or guarantees under ApplianceSmart Leases, see Note 15.

*Related Party Note*

On August 28, 2019, ARCA Recycling entered into and delivered to Isaac Capital Group, LLC (the "Lender"), a secured revolving line of credit promissory note, whereby the Lender agreed to provide the ARCA Recycling with a \$2,500 revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility"). The Revolving Credit Facility matures on August 28, 2020. The Revolving Credit Facility bears interest at 8.75% per annum and provides for the payment of interest, monthly in arrears. ARCA Recycling will pay a loan fee of 2.0% on each borrowing made under the Revolving Credit Facility. On August 28, 2019, ARCA Recycling received an advance of \$1,000 under the Revolving Credit Facility. In connection with entering into the Revolving Credit Facility, the Borrower also entered into a security agreement in favor of the Lender, pursuant to which ARCA Recycling granted a security interest in all of its assets to the Lender. The obligations of ARCA Recycling under the Revolving Credit Facility are guaranteed by the Company. The foregoing transaction did not include the issuance of any shares of the Company's common stock, warrants, or other derivative securities. The Lender is a stockholder of the Company. Jon Isaac is the manager and sole member of the Lender, and the son of Tony Isaac, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and ARCA Recycling.

*Other*

Timothy Matula was granted 560,000 shares of common stock at a market price of \$3.20 per share for services to be provided over the period of August 10, 2018 through February 9, 2020 on August 10, 2018. Mr. Matula was formerly a director of the Company.

**Note 23: Subsequent events**

*Coronavirus*

In March 2020, there was a global outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) that has resulted in changes in global supply of certain products. These changes, including a potential economic downturn, and any potential resulting direct and indirect negative impact to the Company cannot be determined but may have a material prospective impact to the Company's operations, cash flows, financial condition, and liquidity. Beginning in March 2020, the outbreak has started to have a material adverse impact on our operations. For example, several customers in our appliance recycling and appliance replacement business have suspended our ability to pick up and or replace their customers' appliances resulting in decreased revenues for both recycling and replacement business. The future impact of the outbreak is highly uncertain and cannot be predicted and there is no assurance that the outbreak will not have a material adverse impact on the future results of the Company. The extent of the impact, if any, will depend on future developments, including actions taken to contain the coronavirus.

*Litigation*

On October 4, 2018, the Company initiated litigation against a former professional services provider ("PSP"), in Illinois state court, as well as a private arbitration proceeding that was scheduled to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, arising from PSP's rendering of certain professional services to the Company during the period from 2011 through 2014. PSP filed a counterclaim in the arbitration seeking an award of its legal fees and costs arising from that proceeding. The parties subsequently agreed to consolidate their respective claims into the arbitration. The Company's arbitration demand, as amended, sought an award of more than \$50 and other relief. On March 23, 2020, the parties entered into a settlement agreement, whereby, without any admission of liability, they exchanged mutual releases, agreed to dismiss their respective claims with prejudice, and PSP agreed to pay \$800 to the Company to, among other things, assist it with certain of its costs and obligations that related to various issues underlying the arbitration proceeding.

## ITEM 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosures

None.

### ITEM 9A. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure control and Procedures. We carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)). Based upon that evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that, as of December 28, 2019, the period covered in this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods and is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 28, 2019, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)). Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Our management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 29, 2018. In making this assessment, we used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in 2013 regarding Internal Control – Integrated Framework. Based on our assessment using those criteria, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of December 28, 2019.

Management noted material weaknesses in internal control when conducting their evaluation of internal control as of December 28, 2019. (1) Insufficient information technology general controls ("ITGC") and segregation of duties. It was noted that people who were negotiating a contract, were also involved in approving invoices without proper oversight. Additional controls and procedures are necessary and are being implemented to have check and balance on significant transactions and governance with those charged with governance authority. (2) Inadequate control design or lack of sufficient controls over significant accounting processes. The cutoff and reconciliation procedures were not effective with certain accrued and deferred expenses. (3) Insufficient assessment of the impact of potentially significant transactions, and (4) Insufficient processes and procedures related to proper recordkeeping of agreements and contracts. In addition, contract to invoice reconciliation was not effective with certain transportation service providers. As part of its remediation plan, processes and procedures have been implemented to help ensure accruals and invoices are reviewed for accuracy and properly recorded in the appropriate period. These material weaknesses remained outstanding as of the filing date of this annual report on Form 10-K and management is currently working to remedy these outstanding material weaknesses.

The Company's management, including the Company's CEO and CFO, do not expect that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures or the Company's internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all error and all fraud. A control system, regardless of how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system will be met. These inherent limitations include the following: judgements in decision-making can be faulty, and control and process breakdowns can occur because of simple errors or mistakes, controls can be circumvented by individuals, acting alone or in collusion with each other, or by management override, the design of any system of controls is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions, over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or

deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected.

**ITEM 9B. Other Information**

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

In response to the impacts of the COVID-19 virus and public health crisis on the business of the Company the Company hereby provides the following business update.

As of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K (this "Form 10-K"), in an effort to manage its financial position and further preserve financial flexibility and longevity, the Company has temporarily closed its corporate office and call center, and idled all of its recycling processing centers in the United States and Canada. Existing employees are permitted to work from home to the extent that they are able to do so. As of date of this Form 10-K, since January 1, 2020, the Company has laid off 112 of its 208 employees. The Company intends to inform its landlords that it will not pay rent for April 2020 and plans to evaluate whether it will pay rent for future months based on how events surrounding the COVID-19 virus evolve, including government actions, declarations, and other orders, and any other government actions to financially assist businesses such as ARCA Recycling. The Company's recycling business continues to operate and serve its customers on a scaled down basis with on curb pick up where legally allowed to do so. All of the Company's replacement programs have been temporarily suspended until the Company is authorized to resume the programs by its customers.

### PART III

#### ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The directors and executive officers of the Company and their ages as of December 28, 2019, are as follows:

Name	Position with Company	Age
Richard D. Butler, Jr.	Director	70
Nael Hajjar	Director	35
Eric Bolling	Director and President	57
Tony Isaac	Director and Chief Executive Officer	65
Virland A. Johnson	Chief Financial Officer	59
Dennis (De) Gao (1)	Director	39

(1) Mr. Gao resigned from the Board of Directors effective January 6, 2020 and was replaced by John Bitar as disclosed in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 10, 2020.

**Richard D. Butler, Jr.** has been a director of the Company since May 2015. Mr. Butler is the owner of Solution Provider Services, an advisory firm which provides real estate, corporate and financial advisory services, since 1999, and is the co-Founder, Managing Director and major shareholder of Ref-Razzer Company, a whistle manufacturing and vending company, since 2005. Prior to this, Mr. Butler was the Co-Founder and Executive Vice President of Aspen Healthcare, Inc., from 1996 to 1999. From 1993 to 1996, Mr. Butler was a Managing Director at Landmark Financial and from 1989 to 1993 he was a Partner at Cal Ventures Real Estate Investment Group. Prior to this, Mr. Butler has also served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Mt. Whitney Savings Bank, Chief Executive Officer of First Federal Mortgage Bank, Chief Executive Officer of Trafalgar Mortgage, and Executive Officer and Member of the President's Advisory Committee at State Savings & Loan Association (peak assets \$14 billion) and American Savings & Loan Association (NYSE: FCA; peak assets \$34 billion). Mr. Butler has served on the board of directors of Live Ventures Incorporated (NASDAQ: LIVE), a company providing specialized online marketing solutions to small-to-medium sized local business that boost customer awareness and merchant visibility, since August 2006 (including YP.com from 2006 to 2007). Mr. Butler attended Bowling Green University in Ohio, San Joaquin Delta College in California, and Southern Oregon State College. Mr. Butler brings to the Board extensive experience in financial management and executive roles, which enable him to provide important expertise in financial, operating and strategic matters that impact our Company.

**Nael Hajjar** has been a director of the Company since August 2018. Mr. Hajjar is currently the Unit Head for the Annual Wholesale Trade Survey in Statistics Canada's Manufacturing and Wholesale Trade Division. From March 2011 through May 2016, Mr. Hajjar was a Senior Analyst – Economist of Statistics Canada's Producer Prices Division where he developed Canada's first ever Investment Banking Services Price Index while leading the development of a variety of Financial Services Price Index development projects. We believe that Mr. Hajjar brings to the Board extensive experience in research and analysis of financial statistics, economics, and business practices in a variety of industries including manufacturing, logging, Wholesale Trade, and financial services. We believe that Mr. Hajjar also has extensive experience in project management, and he holds a Bachelor of Social Science, Honors in Economics, and Bachelor of Commerce, Option in Finance, from the University of Ottawa.

**Eric Bolling** has been a director and President of the Company since September 2019. Since January of 2019, Mr. Bolling has served as the host of *America This Week* on Sinclair Broadcasting and, since July of 2018, as the host of *AMerica* on Blaze TV. Between January 2007 and September 8, 2017, he served as host of a variety of programs on the Fox Business Channel news program, including *Cashin' In*, *The Five*, and *Fox News Specialists*. Mr. Bolling was also involved in the development of CNBC's *Fast Money*, which he left in August of 2007, when he moved to the then-new Fox Business Network as one of its financial analysts, where he hosted the business show, *Happy Hour*, which ran in the same time slot as his former show, *Fast Money*. Mr. Bolling authored the 2016 New York Time Best Seller, *Wake Up America*. The following year, he authored 2017 New York Time Best Seller, *The Swamp: Washington's Murky Pool of Corruption and Cronyism and How Trump Can Drain It*. As a memorial to his son, who died on September 8, 2017, after ingesting a Xanax tablet laced with the opioid, fentanyl, Mr. Bolling deeply educated himself about opioid issues and established "The Eric Chase Foundation" to educate the world about the opioid crisis and to lobby for preventive and treatment measures as part of his personal commitment to

ending this crisis. Mr. Bolling started his career as a commodities trader on the New York Mercantile Exchange and thereafter served five years on the NYMEX (now CME Group) board of directors. Mr. Bolling received his B.A. in Economics from Rollins College in 1984. We believe that Mr. Bolling's experience in the financial markets and, more importantly, his passion and knowledge in the anti-opioid movement makes him well qualified to serve as our President and Chairman of our Board of Directors.

**Tony Isaac** has been a director of the Company since May 2015 and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since May 2016. He served as Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Company from February 2016 until May 2016. Mr. Isaac has served as Financial Planning and Strategist/Economist of Live Ventures Incorporated (NASDAQ: LIVE), a holding company of diversified businesses, since July 2012. He is the Chairman and Co-Founder of Isaac Organization, a privately held investment company. Mr. Isaac has invested in various companies, both private and public from 1980 to present. Mr. Isaac's specialty is negotiation and problem-solving of complex real estate and business transactions. Mr. Isaac has served as a director of Live Ventures Incorporated since December 2011. Mr. Isaac graduated from Ottawa University in 1981, where he majored in Commerce and Business Administration and Economics. Mr. Isaac has significant investment and financial expertise and public board experience.

**Dennis (De) Gao** has been a director of the Company since May 2015. Mr. Gao founded Gao Management LLC in June 2016, a privately held investment company located in Las Vegas, NV. Prior to establishing Gao Management LLC, Mr. Gao served as the CFO at Oxstones Capital Management, a privately held company and a social and philanthropic enterprise, serving as an idea exchange for the global community. From June 2008 until July 2010, Mr. Gao was a product owner at The Procter & Gamble Company for its consolidation system and was responsible for the Procter & Gamble's financial report consolidation process. From May 2007 to May 2008, Mr. Gao was a financial analyst at the Internal Revenue Service's CFO division. Mr. Gao has served as a director of Live Ventures Incorporated (Nasdaq: LIVE) and as a member of the Audit Committee of Live Ventures Incorporated since January 2012. Mr. Gao has a dual major Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and Economics from University of Maryland, and an M.B.A. specializing in finance and accounting from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. We believe that Mr. Gao has significant finance, accounting and operational experience and brings substantial finance and accounting expertise to the Board. Mr. Gao resigned from the Board of Directors on January 6, 2020 and was replaced by John Bitar as disclosed in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 10, 2020.

**Virland A. Johnson** was appointed Chief Financial Officer of the Company on August 21, 2017. Mr. Johnson had previously served the Company as a consultant beginning in February 2017. Mr. Johnson also continues to serve as Chief Financial Officer for Live Ventures Incorporated, a holding company of diversified businesses (Nasdaq: LIVE). Prior to joining Live Ventures Incorporated, Mr. Johnson was Sr. Director of Revenue for JDA Software from February 2010 to April 2016, where he was responsible for revenue recognition determination, sales and contract support while acting as a subject matter expert. Prior to joining JDA, Mr. Johnson provided leadership and strategic direction while serving in C-Level executive roles in public and privately held companies such as Cultural Experiences Abroad, Inc., Fender Musical Instruments Corp., Triumph Group, Inc., Unitech Industries, Inc. and Younger Brothers Group, Inc. Mr. Johnson's more than 25 years of experience is primarily in the areas of process improvement, complex debt financings, SEC and financial reporting, turn-arounds, corporate restructuring, global finance, merger and acquisitions and returning companies to profitability and enhancing stockholder value. Mr. Johnson holds a Bachelor's degree in Accountancy from Arizona State University.

#### **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, requires the Company's officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities, to file reports of ownership on Form 3 and changes in ownership on Form 4 or Form 5 with the SEC. Such officers, directors and 10% shareholders are also required by SEC rules to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

Based solely on its review of copies of such forms received by it, or written representations from certain reporting persons, the Company believes that, during the fiscal years ended December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, all of its officers, directors and 10% shareholders timely complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements.

### ***Code of Ethics***

Our Audit Committee has adopted a code of ethics applicable to our directors and officers (including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer) and other of our senior executives and employees in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and The NASDAQ Stock Market. A copy of the code of ethics may be obtained upon request, without charge, by addressing a request to Investor Relations, JanOne Inc., 325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 102, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. The code of ethics is also posted on our website at [www.janone.com](http://www.janone.com) under “Investor Relations — Corporate Governance.”

We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding the amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of the code of ethics by posting such information on our website at the address and location specified above and, to the extent required by the listing standards of the NASDAQ Capital Market, by filing a Current Report on Form 8-K with the SEC disclosing such information.

### ***Audit Committee***

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is comprised entirely of non-employee directors. In fiscal 2019, the members of the Audit Committee were Mr. Gao, Mr. Butler (Chair), and Mr. Hajjar. Each of Messrs. Gao, Butler, and Hajjar was an “independent” director as defined under NASDAQ rules. The Audit Committee is responsible for selecting and approving the Company’s independent auditors, for relations with the independent auditors, for review of internal auditing functions (whether formal or informal) and internal controls, and for review of financial reporting policies to assure full disclosure of financial condition. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors, which is posted on the Company’s website at [www.janone.com](http://www.janone.com) under the caption “Investor Relations - Governance.” The Board has determined that Mr. Butler is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined in SEC rules. Mr. Gao resigned from the Board of Directors effective January 6, 2020 and was replaced by John Bitar as disclosed in the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 10, 2020. Mr. Bitar replaced Mr. Gao on the Audit Committee.

### ***Compensation and Benefits Committee***

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors is comprised entirely of non-employee directors. In fiscal 2019, the members of the Compensation Committee were Mr. Gao and Mr. Butler (Chair), each of whom was also an “independent” director as defined under NASDAQ rules. The Compensation Committee is responsible for review and approval of officer salaries and other compensation and benefits programs and determination of officer bonuses. Annual compensation for the Company’s executive officers, other than the CEO, is recommended by the CEO and approved by the Compensation Committee. The annual compensation for the CEO is recommended by the Compensation Committee and formally approved by the full Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee may approve grants of equity awards under the Company’s stock compensation plans. Mr. Gao resigned from the Board of Directors effective January 6, 2020 and was replaced by John Bitar as disclosed in the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 10, 2020. Following Mr. Gao’s resignation, Messrs. Butler (Chair) and Hajjar serve as the members of the Compensation Committee.

In the performance of its duties, the Compensation Committee may select independent compensation consultants to advise the committee when appropriate. In addition, the Compensation Committee may delegate authority to subcommittees where appropriate. The Compensation Committee may separately meet with management if deemed necessary and appropriate. The Compensation Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors in March 2011, which is posted on the Company’s website at [www.janone.com](http://www.janone.com) under the caption “Investor Relations - Governance.”

### ***Governance Committee***

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the “Governance Committee”) is comprised entirely of non-employee directors. In fiscal 2019, the members of the Governance Committee were Mr. Gao (Chairman) and Mr. Butler, each of whom was also an “independent” director as defined under NASDAQ rules. The primary purpose of the Governance Committee is to ensure an appropriate and effective role for the Board of Directors in the governance of the Company. The principal recurring duties and responsibilities of the Governance Committee

include (i) making recommendations to the Board regarding the size and composition of the Board, (ii) identifying and recommending to the Board of Directors candidates for election as directors, (iii) reviewing the Board's committee structure, composition and membership and recommending to the Board candidates for appointment as members of the Board's standing committees, (iv) reviewing and recommending to the Board corporate governance policies and procedures, (v) reviewing the Company's Code of Business Ethics and Conduct and compliance therewith, and (vi) ensuring that emergency succession planning occurs for the positions of Chief Executive Officer, other key management positions, the Board chairperson and Board members. The Governance Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors in March 2011, which is posted on the Company's website at [www.janone.com](http://www.janone.com) under the caption "Investor Relations - Governance." Mr. Gao resigned from the Board of Directors effective January 6, 2020 and was replaced by John Bitar as disclosed in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 10, 2020. Following Mr. Gao's resignation, Messrs. Butler (Chair) and Bitar serve as the members of the Governance Committee.

The Governance Committee will consider director candidates recommended by shareholders. The criteria applied by the Governance Committee in the selection of director candidates is the same whether the candidate was recommended by a Board member, an executive officer, a shareholder or a third party, and accordingly, the Governance Committee has not deemed it necessary to adopt a formal policy regarding consideration of candidates recommended by shareholders. Shareholders wishing to recommend candidates for Board membership should submit the recommendations in writing to the Secretary of the Company.

The Governance Committee identifies director candidates primarily by considering recommendations made by directors, management and shareholders. The Governance Committee also has the authority to retain third parties to identify and evaluate director candidates and to approve any associated fees or expenses. Board candidates are evaluated on the basis of a number of factors, including the candidate's background, skills, judgment, diversity, experience with companies of comparable complexity and size, the interplay of the candidate's experience with the experience of other Board members, the candidate's independence or lack of independence, and the candidate's qualifications for committee membership. The Governance Committee does not assign any particular weighting or priority to any of these factors and considers each director candidate in the context of the current needs of the Board as a whole. Director candidates recommended by shareholders are evaluated in the same manner as candidates recommended by other persons.

#### ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table sets forth the cash and non-cash compensation for fiscal years ended December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, earned by each person who served as Chief Executive Officer during fiscal 2018, and our other two most highly compensated executive officers who held office as of December 28, 2019 ("named executive officers"):

*Summary Compensation Table for Fiscal Year Ended December 28, 2019*

Name and Principal Position (1)	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Award (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Tony Isaac	2019	571,427	—	—	—	—	571,427
Chief Executive Officer	2018	542,719	—	262,400 (2)	—	—	805,119
Eric Bolling	2019	148,077	—	500,000 (3)	—	—	648,077
President	2018	—	—	—	—	—	—
Virland A. Johnson	2019	125,274	—	—	—	—	125,274
Chief Financial Officer (3)	2018	123,559	—	128,000 (4)	—	57,000	308,559

- (1) The Company only had two executive officers for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019.
- (2) This amount reflects the fair value of a stock grant awarded to Mr. Isaac during fiscal 2018. The shares were fully vested upon grant.
- (3) This amount reflects the fair value of a stock grant awarded to Mr. Bolling during fiscal 2019. The shares were fully vested upon grant.
- (4) This amount reflects the fair value of a stock grant awarded to Mr. Johnson during fiscal 2018. The shares were fully vested upon grant.

**Outstanding Equity Awards at December 28, 2019**

The following table provides a summary of equity awards outstanding for our Named Executive Officers at December 28, 2019:

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (in shares) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (in shares) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date
Tony Isaac	2,000	—	5.25	05/18/2025
Eric Bolling	—	—	—	
Virland A. Johnson	—	—	—	

**Stock Option Plans**

The Company uses stock options to attract and retain executives, directors, consultants and key employees. Stock options are currently outstanding under three stock option plans. The Company's 2016 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2016 Plan") was adopted by the Board of Directors in October 2016 and approved by the shareholders at the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders. Under the 2016 Plan, the Company has reserved an aggregate of 400,000 shares of its common stock for option grants. The Company's 2011 Stock Compensation Plan (the "2011 Plan") was adopted by the Board of Directors in March 2011 and approved by the shareholders at the 2011 annual meeting of shareholders. The 2011 Plan expired on December 29, 2016, but options granted under the 2011 Plan before it expired will continue to be exercisable in accordance with their terms. As of December 28, 2019, options to purchase an aggregate of 44,400 shares were outstanding, including options for 4,000 shares under the 2016 Plan and options for 40,400 shares under the 2011 Plan. The Plans are administered by the Compensation Committee or the full Board of Directors acting as the Committee.

The 2016 Plan permits the grant of the following types of awards, in the amounts and upon the terms determined by the Administrator:

- *Options.* Options may either be incentive stock options ("ISOs") which are specifically designated as such for purposes of compliance with Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code or non-qualified stock options ("NSOs"). Options shall vest as determined by the Administrator, subject to certain statutory limitations regarding the maximum term of ISOs and the maximum value of ISOs that may vest in one year. The exercise price of each share subject to an ISO will be equal to or greater than the fair market value of a share on the date of the grant of the ISO, except in the case of an ISO grant to a stockholder who owns more than 10% of the Company's outstanding shares, in which case the exercise price will be equal to or greater than 110% of the fair market value of a share on the grant date. The exercise price of each share subject to an NSO shall be determined by the Board at the time of grant but will be equal to or greater than the fair market value of a share on the date of grant. Recipients of options have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares covered by the award until the award is exercised and a stock certificate or book entry evidencing such shares is issued or made, respectively.
- *Restricted Stock Awards.* Restricted stock awards consist of shares granted to a participant that are subject to one or more risks of forfeiture. Restricted stock awards may be subject to risk of forfeiture based on the passage of time or the satisfaction of other criteria, such as continued employment or Company performance. Recipients of restricted stock awards are entitled to vote and receive dividends attributable to the shares underlying the award beginning on the grant date.
- *Restricted Stock Units.* Restricted stock units consist of a right to receive shares (or cash, in the Administrator's discretion) on one or more vesting dates in the future. The vesting dates may be based on the passage of time or the satisfaction of other criteria, such as continued employment or Company performance. Recipients of restricted stock units have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares covered by the award until the date a stock certificate or book entry evidencing such shares is issued or made, respectively.

**Compensation of Non-Employee Directors**

The Company uses cash compensation to attract and retain qualified candidates to serve on the Board of Directors. In setting director compensation, the Company considers the significant amount of time that directors expend fulfilling their duties to the Company as well as the skill level required by the Company of members of the Board. All of the Company's directors are reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses incurred in attending meetings.

The table below presents cash and non-cash compensation paid to non-employee directors during the last fiscal year.

**Non-Management Director Compensation for Fiscal Year Ended December 28, 2019**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)</b>	<b>Option Awards (\$)</b>	<b>All Other Compensation (\$)</b>	<b>Total (\$)</b>
Dennis (De) Gao (1)	30,000	—	—	30,000
Richard D. Butler, Jr.	30,000	—	—	30,000
Nael Hajjar	14,400	—	—	14,400

(1) Mr. Gao resigned from the Board of Directors effective January 6, 2020 and was replaced by John Bitar as disclosed in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 10, 2020.

**ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS**

The following table sets forth as of March 19, 2020 the beneficial ownership of common stock by each of the Company’s directors, each of the named executive officers, and all directors and executive officers of the Company as a group, as well as information about beneficial owners of 5% or more of the Company’s voting securities. Beneficial ownership includes shares that may be acquired in the next 60 days through the exercise of options or warrants.

Beneficial Owner	Position with Company	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned (1)	Percent of Outstanding Common (2)
<b>Directors and executive officers:</b>			
Tony Isaac (3)	Director, Chief Executive Officer	94,000	4.7 %
Eric Bolling	President	223,214	11.2 %
Virland A. Johnson	Chief Financial Officer	52,000	2.6 %
Richard D. Butler, Jr. (3)	Director	18,000	*
John Bitar	Director	2,000	*
Nael Hajjar	Director	—	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (6 persons) (3)		389,214	19.7 %
<b>Other 5% shareholders:</b>			
Isaac Capital Group, LLC (4)		392,941	19.7 %
Timothy Matula (5)		114,000	5.7 %

\* Indicates ownership of less than 1% of the outstanding shares

- (1) Unless otherwise noted, each person or group identified possesses sole voting and investment power with respect to such shares.
- (2) Applicable percentage of ownership is based on 1,993,578 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 19, 2020 plus, for each shareholder, all shares that such shareholder could purchase within 60 days upon the exercise of existing stock options.
- (3) Includes shares which could be purchased within 60 days upon the exercise of existing stock options or warrants, as follows: Mr. Isaac, 2,000 shares; Mr. Butler, 4,000 shares and Mr. Bitar 2,000 shares; and all directors and executive officers as a group, 8,000 shares. The address for each individual is 325 E. Warm Springs Road Suite 102, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89119.
- (4) According to a Schedule 13G filed April 30, 2019, Isaac Capital Group, LLC (“Isaac Capital”) beneficially owned 392,941 shares of common stock. Isaac Capital has sole dispositive power as to all 392,941 shares and sole voting power as to 392,941 shares. The address for Isaac Capital is 3525 Del Mar Heights Road, Suite 765, San Diego, CA 92130
- (5) Mr. Matula resigned from the Board of Directors effective August 10, 2018 and remains a consultant.

**Beneficial Ownership of Series A Preferred Stock**

The following table sets forth as of March 19, 2020 the beneficial ownership of Series A Preferred Stock by each owner of 5% or more of the Company’s Series A Preferred Stock. No officers or directors of the Company have beneficial ownership of Series A Preferred Stock. Beneficial ownership includes shares that may be acquired in the next 60 days through the exercise of options or warrants.

Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned (1)	Percent of Outstanding Series A Preferred (2)
Gregg Sullivan (3)	28,859	11.1 %
Juan Yunis (4)	216,729	83.4 %
Isaac Capital Group, LLC (5)	14,141	5.5 %

- (1) Unless otherwise noted, each person or group identified possesses sole voting and investment power with respect to such shares.
- (2) Applicable percentage of ownership is based on 259,729 shares of Series A Preferred Stock outstanding as of March 19, 2020 plus, for each shareholder, all shares that such shareholder could purchase within 60 days upon the exercise of existing stock options and warrants.
- (3) The business address for Mr. Sullivan is c/o Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc., 175 Jackson Avenue North, Suite 102, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55343. On January 16, 2019, GeoTraq terminated the employment of Mr. Sullivan pursuant to the terms of the employment agreement dated August 18, 2017 (the "Employment Agreement") between GeoTraq and Mr. Sullivan. Under the terms of the Employment Agreement, 28,859 of the shares of the Company's Series A Preferred Stock owned by Mr. Sullivan immediately prior to the termination are deemed to have been returned to the Company's treasury for cancellation effective as of January 16, 2019, without the requirement that either Mr. Sullivan or the Company take any further action. The remaining 28,859 shares of Series A Preferred Stock owned by Mr. Sullivan may not be sold or otherwise transferred by him until January 17, 2020.
- (4) The business address for Mr. Yunis is c/o Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc., 175 Jackson Avenue North, Suite 102, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55343.
- (5) The address for Isaac Capital Group, LLC is 3525 Del Mar Heights Road, Suite 765, San Diego, CA 92130.

The following table provides aggregate information under our equity compensation plans as of December 28, 2019:

	(a)	(b)	(c)
	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options and Warrants	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans, Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders	44,400	\$ 13.31	380,000
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,400</b>	<b>\$ 13.31</b>	<b>380,000</b>

### ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

#### *Review, Approval or Ratification of Transactions with Related Persons*

There are no family relationships between any of the directors or executive officers of the Company. Mr. Gao, Mr. Hajjar and Mr. Butler, three of the persons who served as directors during the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, were "independent" directors as defined under the rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market ("NASDAQ") for companies included in The NASDAQ Capital Market. Mr. Isaac, who previously was an "independent" director, ceased to be "independent" on February 29, 2016, when he assumed the role of Interim Chief Executive Officer for the Company.

The Audit Committee, comprised of Messrs. Gao, Matula and Butler, is responsible for the review and approval of all transactions in which the Company was or is to be a participant and in which any executive officer, director or director nominee of the Company, or any immediate family member of any such person ("related persons") has or will have a material interest. In addition, all, if any, transactions with related persons that come within the disclosures required by Item 404 of the SEC's Regulation S-K must also be approved by the Audit Committee. The policies and procedures regarding the approval of all such transactions with related persons have been approved at a

meeting of the Audit Committee and are evidenced in the corporate records of the Company. Each member of the Audit Committee is an “independent” director as defined under NASDAQ rules.

***Related Party Transactions (stated in thousands of dollars)***

Tony Isaac, the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, is the father of Jon Isaac, President and Chief Executive Officer of Live Ventures Incorporated (“Live”) and managing member of Isaac Capital Group LLC, a greater than 5% stockholder of the Company. Tony Isaac, Chief Executive Officer, Virland Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, Richard Butler, Board of Directors member, and Dennis Gao, Board of Directors member of the Company, are Board of Directors member, Chief Financial Officer, Board of Directors member, and Board of Directors members, respectively, of Live. The Company also shares certain executive, accounting and legal services with Live. The total services shared were \$193 and \$211 for fiscal years ending December 28, 2019 and December 29, 2018, respectively. Customer Connexx rents approximately 9,879 square feet of office space from Live Ventures Incorporated at its Las Vegas, NV office. The total rent and common area expense were \$177 and \$174 for fiscal years ending December 28, 2019 and December 29, 20187, respectively.

***ApplianceSmart Note***

On December 30, 2017, Purchaser entered into the Agreement with the Company and ApplianceSmart. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Purchaser purchased from the Company all of the Stock of ApplianceSmart in exchange for the Purchase Price. Effective April 1, 2018, the Purchaser issued the ApplianceSmart Note with a three-year term in the original principal amount of \$3,919 for the balance of the purchase price. ApplianceSmart is guaranteeing the repayment of the ApplianceSmart Note.

On December 26, 2018, the ApplianceSmart Note was amended and restated to grant the Company a security interest in the assets of the Purchaser, ApplianceSmart, and ApplianceSmart Contracting Inc. in exchange for modifying the repayment terms to provide for the payment in full of all accrued interest and principal on April 1, 2021, the maturity date of the ApplianceSmart Note.

On March 15, 2019, the Company entered into subordination agreements with third parties pursuant to which it agreed to subordinate the payment of indebtedness under the ApplianceSmart Note and the Company’s security interest in the assets of ApplianceSmart and other related parties in exchange for up to \$1,200 payable within 15 days of the agreement. ApplianceSmart can re-borrow up to the principal amount of the Note of \$3,919. Additionally, the Company advanced ApplianceSmart \$355 during fiscal 2019 under the ApplianceSmart Note.

On December 9, 2019, ApplianceSmart filed a voluntary petition (the “Chapter 11 Case”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Bankruptcy Court”) seeking relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”).

***Related Party Note***

On August 28, 2019, ARCA Recycling entered into and delivered to Isaac Capital Group, LLC (the “Lender”), a secured revolving line of credit promissory note, whereby the Lender agreed to provide the ARCA Recycling with a \$2,500 revolving credit facility (the “Revolving Credit Facility”). The Revolving Credit Facility matures on August 28, 2020. The Revolving Credit Facility bears interest at 8.75% per annum and provides for the payment of interest, monthly in arrears. ARCA Recycling will pay a loan fee of 2.0% on each borrowing made under the Revolving Credit Facility. On August 28, 2019, ARCA Recycling received an advance of \$1,000 under the Revolving Credit Facility. In connection with entering into the Revolving Credit Facility, the Borrower also entered into a security agreement in favor of the Lender, pursuant to which ARCA Recycling granted a security interest in all of its assets to the Lender. The obligations of ARCA Recycling under the Revolving Credit Facility are guaranteed by the Company. The foregoing transaction did not include the issuance of any shares of the Company’s common stock, warrants, or other derivative securities. The Lender is a shareholder of the Company. Jon Isaac is the manager and sole member of the Lender, and the son of Tony Isaac, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and ARCA Recycling.

*Other*

In the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on September 18, 2018 (the "Proxy Statement"), under the caption "Transactions with Related Parties" the Company disclosed that Tony Isaac, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, was the sole stockholder and owner of Negotiart of America, Inc. ("Negotiart of America"), a company that provided consulting services to the Company. After the filing of the Proxy Statement, it was determined that this was an error and that the foregoing disclosure was incorrect and that Negotiart of America is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Negotiart, Inc., a Canadian corporation.

**ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES**

Each year, the Audit Committee approves the annual audit engagement in advance. The Audit Committee also has established procedures to pre-approve all non-audit services provided by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. All fiscal 2019 and 2018 non-audit services listed below were pre-approved.

*Audit and Audit-Related Fees:* This category includes the audit of our annual financial statements and review of financial statements included in our annual and periodic reports that are filed with the SEC. This category also includes services performed for the preparation of responses to SEC and NASDAQ correspondence, travel expenses for our auditors, on audit and accounting matters that arose during, or as a result of, the audit or the review of interim financial statements, and the preparation of an annual "management letter" on internal control and other matters.

*Tax Fees:* This category consists of professional services rendered by our independent auditors for tax compliance.

*All Other Fees* consist of fees for services other than the services described above.

The following fees were billed to us by our independent registered public accounting firm, WSRP, LLC and SingerLewak LLP for 2019 and SingerLewak LLP for 2018. SingerLewak LLP served as the Company's auditor from fiscal 2017 and reviewed the Company's quarterly financial statements for each of the first two fiscal quarters during fiscal 2019. WSRP, LLC was appointed the Company's auditor during October 2019.

<b>Description</b>	<b>December 28, 2019</b>	<b>December 29 2018</b>
Audit fees	\$ 219,549	\$ 210,000
Audit-related fees	-	46,200
Tax fees	79,201	-
All other fees	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 298,750</b>	<b>\$ 256,200</b>

**PART IV**

**ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

**(a) Financial Statements, Financial Statement Schedules and Exhibits**

- 1 Financial Statements*  
See Index to Financial Statements under Item 8 of this report.
- 2 Financial Statement Schedules*  
None.
- 3 Exhibits*  
See Index to Exhibits

**ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY**

None.

## Index to Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1	<a href="#">Articles of Incorporation of Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.</a> [filed as Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on March 13, 2018 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference]
3.2	<a href="#">Articles of Conversion</a> [filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on March 13, 2018 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
3.3	<a href="#">Articles of Conversion</a> [filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on March 13, 2018 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
3.4	<a href="#">Certificate of Correction to Articles of Incorporation</a> [filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2018 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
3.5	<a href="#">Certificate of Change</a> [filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 22, 2019 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
3.6	<a href="#">Certificate of Correction to Articles of Incorporation of Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.</a> [filed as Exhibit 3.7 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 24, 2019 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
3.7	<a href="#">Certificate of Designation of Powers, Preferences, and Rights of Series A-1 Convertible Preferred Stock of Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.</a> [filed as Exhibit 3.8 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 24, 2019 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
3.8	<a href="#">Articles of Incorporation of JanOne Inc. (the Name Change Subsidiary), filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada on September 6, 2019</a> [filed as Exhibit 3.9 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 13, 2019 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
3.9	<a href="#">Articles of Merger for JanOne Inc. into Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc., filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada on September 9, 2019, and effective on September 10, 2019</a> [filed as Exhibit 3.10 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 13, 2019 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
3.10	<a href="#">Bylaws of Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.</a> [filed as Exhibit 3.4 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on March 13, 2018 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
3.11	<a href="#">First Amendment to Bylaws of Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.</a> [filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 31, 2018 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
4.1+	<a href="#">Description of Our Securities</a>
4.2+	<a href="#">Specimen Stock Certificate</a>
10.1*	<a href="#">2006 Stock Option Plan</a> (filed with the Company's Schedule 14A on March 31, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.2*	<a href="#">2011 Stock Compensation Plan</a> (filed with the Company's Schedule 14A on March 31, 2011 and incorporated herein by reference).
10.3*	<a href="#">2016 Equity Incentive Plan</a> [filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference]
10.4	<a href="#">Agreement and Plan of Merger dated August 18, 2017, between the Company, Appliance Recycling Acquisition Corp., GeoTraq Inc., and the stockholders of GeoTraq Inc.</a> [filed as Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Form 10-Q / A for the quarterly period ended July 1, 2017 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].

- 10.5 [Stock Purchase Agreement dated December 30, 2017](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.28 to the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 2017 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference]
- 10.6 [Amended and Restated Promissory Note, effective April 1, 2018, issued by ApplianceSmart Holdings LLC](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 31, 2018 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
- 10.7 [Security Agreement dated December 26, 2018 by and between ApplianceSmart Holdings LLC and Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 31, 2018 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
- 10.8 [Security Agreement dated December 26, 2018 by and between ApplianceSmart, Inc. and Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 31, 2018 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
- 10.9 [Security Agreement dated December 26, 2018 by and between ApplianceSmart Contracting Inc. and Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 31, 2018 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
- 10.10 [Subordination Agreement, dated March 15, 2019, from Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. to Crossroads Financing, LLC](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on March 21, 2019 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
- 10.10 [Intercreditor and Subordination Agreement, dated March 18, 2019, by and between Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. and Crossroads Financing, LLC](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on March 21, 2019 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
- 10.11 [Secured Revolving Lines of Credit Promissory Note \[filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 30, 2019\]](#)(File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
- 10.12\* [Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. and Eric Bolling, dated September 9, 2019](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.36 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 13, 2019 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
- 10.13X [Patent and Know How License Agreement dated November 19, 2019, by and among JanOne Inc., and UAB Research Foundation, TheraVasc, Inc., and the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, acting on behalf of LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 25, 2019 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
- 10.14 X [Master Agreement for Development, Manufacturing and Supply Services dated February 5, 2020 by and between JanOne Inc. and CoreRx Inc.](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 7, 2020 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
- 10.15 [Securities Purchase Agreement dated November 8, 2016, between Energy Efficiency Investments, LLC and the Company](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 1, 2016 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference]
- 10.16 [Form of 3% Original Issue Discount Senior Convertible Promissory Note issuable under Securities Purchase Agreement dated November 8, 2016, between Energy Efficiency Investments, LLC and the Company](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended October 1, 2016 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].

- 10.17 [Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant issuable under Securities Purchase Agreement dated November 8, 2016, between Energy Efficiency Investments, LLC and the Company](#) [filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 1, 2016 (File No. 0-19621) and incorporated herein by reference].
- 10.18+ [Termination Agreement by and between Energy Efficiency Investments, LLC and the Company](#)
- 16.1 [Letter of SingerLewak LLP \[filed as Exhibit 16.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 18, 2019 \(File No. 0-19621\) and incorporated herein by reference\]](#)
- 21.1+ [List of Subsidiaries of the Registrant](#)
- 23.1+ [Consent of WSRP LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.](#)
- 23.2+ [Consent of SingerLewak LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.](#)
- 31.1+ [Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.](#)
- 31.2+ [Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.](#)
- 32.1† [Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.](#)
- 32.2† [Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.](#)
- 101+ The following materials from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2018, formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity, (v) the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, and (vi) document and entity information.
- \* Items that are management contracts or compensatory plans or arrangements required to be filed as an exhibit pursuant to Item 14(a)3 of this Form 10-K.
- + Filed herewith.
- † Furnished herewith.
- × Portions of this exhibit have been redacted in compliance with Regulation S-K Item 601(b)(10)(iv)

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on our behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

April 3, 2020

**JANONE INC.**  
(Registrant)

By /s/ Tony Isaac  
Tony Isaac  
Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>Principal Executive Officer</i> <u>/s/ Tony Isaac</u> Tony Isaac	Chief Executive Officer	April 3, 2020
<i>Principal Financial and Accounting Officer</i> <u>/s/ Virland A. Johnson</u> Virland A. Johnson	Chief Financial Officer	April 3, 2020
<i>Directors</i> <u>/s/ Tony Isaac</u> Tony Isaac	Director	April 3, 2020
<u>/s/ Eric Bolling</u>	Director	April 3, 2020
<u>/s/ Richard Butler</u> Richard Butler	Director	April 3, 2020
<u>/s/ John Bitar</u> John Bitar	Director	April 3, 2020
<u>/s/ Nael Hajjar</u> Nael Hajjar	Director	April 3, 2020

## Description of JanOne Inc.'s Common Stock

*The following summary of terms of our common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (our "Common Stock"), is based upon our Articles of Incorporation (our "Charter") and Bylaws (our "Bylaws"), currently in effect, and under Chapter 78 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (the "NRS"). This summary is not complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, our Charter and our Bylaws. For a complete description of the terms and provisions of our Common Stock, please refer to our Charter and Bylaws, which are filed as exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Throughout this section, references to "we," "our," and "us" refer to JanOne Inc. We encourage you to carefully read these documents and the applicable provisions of the NRS.*

### *General*

Our authorized capital stock consists of 50,000,000 shares of Common Stock and 2,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of which 259,729 shares are designated as Series A-1 Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (our "Series A-1 Preferred Stock").

As of December 28, 2019, we had 1,826,009 shares of our Common Stock issued and outstanding and 259,729 shares of our Series A-1 Preferred Stock issued and outstanding.

The authorized and unissued shares of common stock and preferred stock are available for issuance without further action by our stockholders, unless such action is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange on which our securities may be listed. Unless approval of our stockholders is so required, our Board of Directors (our "Board") does not currently intend to seek stockholder approval for the issuance and sale of our common stock.

All of our issued and outstanding shares of our capital stock are fully paid and non-assessable.

### *Voting, Dividend, and Liquidation Rights*

Each holder of our Common Stock is entitled to one vote for each share issued and outstanding held on all matters to be voted upon by the stockholders. Our Charter does not provide for cumulative voting in the election of directors. Subject to the rights of the holders of the Series A-1 Preferred Stock to their preferential dividend in accordance with the provisions of our Charter, the holders of shares of our Common Stock and Series A-1 Preferred Stock (on an as-if-converted to Common Stock basis in accordance with the terms of our Charter) will be entitled to such cash dividends as may be declared from time to time by our Board from funds available therefor. Upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, and after all liquidation preferences payable to any series of preferred stock entitled thereto have been satisfied, our remaining assets shall be distributed to all holders of Common Stock and any similarly situated stockholders who are not entitled to any liquidation preference or, if there be an insufficient amount to pay all such stockholders, then ratably among such holders.

### *Preemptive or Other Rights*

Our shares of Common Stock do not have any preemptive, conversion, or redemption rights.

### *Stockholder Action; Special Meetings*

Stockholders' actions can only be taken at an annual or special meeting of our stockholders. Our Bylaws provide that special meetings of the stockholders may be called at any time only by our Chief Executive Officer, or two of the members of the Board, or upon a written request of shareholders holding 10% or more of the capital stock entitled to vote.

### *Board of Directors; Removal; Vacancies*

Our Bylaws specify that the number of directors is to be determined by a majority vote of the Board. Our Board is currently composed of five directors. We do not have a classified Board. Pursuant to our Bylaws and the NRS, a

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director serves until the regular meeting next following or closely coinciding with the expiration of his term of office and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified, or until his or her earlier death, removal, or resignation.

#### *Limitation of Liability and Indemnification*

Our Charter provides that none of our directors and officers shall be personally liable to us or our stockholders for damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director or officer, except for liability for (i) acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct, fraud, or knowing violation of law, or (ii) for authorizing any distribution in violation of Section 78.300 of the NRS. Our Bylaws provide that any officer or director who is made a party or witness to an action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was one of our directors or officers or serving at our request as a director, officer, employee, or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by us to the fullest extent authorized by the NRS. The right to indemnification shall include the right of advancement of expenses to the extent permitted under the NRS.

#### *Listing and Transfer Agent*

Our common stock is listed on The Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "JAN." The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is EQ Shareowner Services.

#### **Anti-Takeover Effects of Certain Provisions of our Charter, our Bylaws, and the NRS**

Certain provisions of the NRS and our Charter and Bylaws could make more difficult the acquisition of us by means of a tender offer or otherwise, and the removal of incumbent officers and directors. These provisions are expected to discourage certain types of coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids and to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us.

#### *Business Combinations*

The "business combination" provisions of Sections 78.411 to 78.444, inclusive, of the NRS prohibit a Nevada corporation with at least 200 stockholders (at least 100 of whom are stockholders of record and residents of the State of Nevada) from engaging in various "combination" transactions with any interested stockholder for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder, unless the transaction is approved by the entity's board of directors prior to the date the interested stockholder obtained such status; or after the expiration of the three-year period, unless:

- the transaction is approved by the entity's board of directors or a majority of the voting power held by disinterested stockholders of the entity, or
- if the consideration to be paid by the interested stockholder is at least equal to the highest of: (a) the highest price per share paid by the interested stockholder within the three years immediately preceding the date of the announcement of the combination or in the transaction in which it became an interested stockholder, whichever is higher, (b) the market value per share of common stock on the date of announcement of the combination and the date the interested stockholder acquired the shares, whichever is higher, or (c) for holders of preferred stock, the highest liquidation value of the preferred stock, if it is higher.

A "combination" is defined to include mergers or consolidations or any sale, lease exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer, or other disposition, in one transaction or a series of transactions, with an "interested stockholder" having: (a) an aggregate market value equal to 5% or more of the aggregate market value of the assets of the corporation, (b) an aggregate market value equal to 5% or more of the aggregate market value of all outstanding shares of the corporation, or (c) ten percent (10%) or more of the earning power or net income of the corporation.

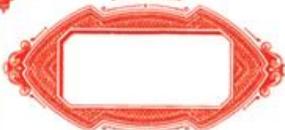
In general, an "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns (or within three years, did own) ten percent (10%) or more of an entity's voting stock. The statute could prohibit or delay mergers or other takeover or change in control attempts and, accordingly, may discourage attempts to acquire us even though such a transaction may offer our stockholders the opportunity to sell their stock at a price above the prevailing market price.

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### *Acquisitions of Controlling Interest*

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 who acquires a "controlling interest" in certain Nevada corporations may be denied voting rights, unless a majority of the disinterested stockholders of the corporation elects to restore such voting rights. These laws would apply to us as of a particular date if we were to have 200 or more stockholders of record (at least 100 of whom have addresses in Nevada appearing on our 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 that corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws in effect on the tenth day after the acquisition of a controlling interest provide otherwise. These laws provide that a person acquires a "controlling interest" whenever a person acquires shares of a subject corporation that, but for the application of these provisions of the NRS, would enable that person to exercise (1) one-fifth or more, but less than one-third, (2) one-third or more, but less than a majority or (3) a majority or more of all of the voting power of that corporation in the election of its directors. Once an acquirer crosses one of these thresholds, shares that it acquired in the transaction that took it over the threshold and shares that it acquired within the 90 days immediately preceding the date when the acquiring person acquired or offered to acquire a controlling interest become "control shares" to which the voting restrictions described above apply.

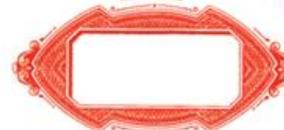
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# JanOne™

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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THIS CERTIFIES THAT



is the owner of

FULLY PAID AND NON-ASSESSABLE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK, \$0.0001 PAR VALUE PER SHARE, OF

**JanOne**

transferable only on the books of the Corporation by the holder hereof in person or by Attorney upon surrender of this certificate properly endorsed. This certificate is not valid until countersigned by the Transfer Agent and Registrar.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Corporation has caused this certificate to be signed by facsimile signatures of its duly authorized officers.

Dated:

  
SECRETARY

  
PRESIDENT

COUNTERSIGNED AND REGISTERED:  
EQUINITY TRUST COMPANY  
TRANSFER AGENT  
AND REGISTRAR  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

THE CORPORATION WILL FURNISH TO ANY STOCKHOLDER UPON REQUEST AND WITHOUT CHARGE, A FULL STATEMENT OF THE DESIGNATIONS, PREFERENCES, LIMITATIONS, AND RELATIVE RIGHTS OF THE SHARE OF EACH CLASS OR SERIES AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED, SO FAR AS THEY HAVE BEEN DETERMINED, AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD TO DETERMINE THE RELATIVE RIGHTS AND PREFERENCES OF SUBSEQUENT CLASSES OR SERIES.

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this certificate, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM	-	as tenants in common	UTMA -	_____	Custodian	_____
				(Cust)		(Minor)
TEN ENT	-	as tenants by entireties			under Uniform Transfers to Minors	
JT TEN	-	as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common	Act	_____	(State)	

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

*For value received \_\_\_\_\_ hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto*

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER  
IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS INCLUDING POSTAL ZIP CODE OF ASSIGNEE)

\_\_\_\_\_ *Shares*  
*of the capital stock represented by the within Certificate, and*  
*do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_*  
*Attorney*  
*to transfer the said stock on the books of the within-named*  
*Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises.*

*Dated* \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: THE SIGNATURE TO THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON THE  
FACE  
OF THE CERTIFICATE IN EVERY PARTICULAR WITHOUT ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT OR ANY CHANGE  
WHATEVER.

SIGNATURE GUARANTEED

## TERMINATION AGREEMENT

This is a termination agreement (this "Agreement") of that certain Securities Purchase Agreement, dated November 8, 2016 (the "SPA"), by and between Energy Efficiency Investments, LLC, a California limited liability company ("EEI"), and JanOne Inc., a Nevada corporation formerly known as Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc., which in 2016 was domiciled in Minnesota ("JanOne"). EEI and JanOne are sometimes individually referred to herein as a "Party" or, collectively, as the "Parties." The Effective Date of this Agreement is December 31, 2019.

WHEREAS, EEI and JanOne entered into the SPA and, contemporaneously therewith, certain agreements collateral thereto (*i.e.*, (i) a 3% Original Issue Discount Senior Convertible Promissory Note (the "Initial Note") with a five-year term in the initial principal amount of \$103,092.78 (inclusive of an original issue discount) and (ii) a five-year Common Stock Purchase Warrant (the "Initial Warrant"), exercisable for the purchase of up to 166,817 (pre-split) shares of JanOne's common stock);

WHEREAS, as obligated under the SPA, JanOne issued to EEI an aggregate of 619,547 pre-reverse split shares (or 123,909 post-reverse split shares) of JanOne's common stock as "Commitment Shares" (as that term is defined therein);

WHEREAS, EEI converted all of JanOne's obligations in favor of EEI under the Initial Note into shares of JanOne's common stock;

WHEREAS, EEI has not exercised the Initial Warrant in full or in part;

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the SPA obligate EEI to lend to JanOne up to \$7,500,000 (net of original issue discount) upon JanOne providing a series of Put Rights (as defined therein) to EEI for a five-year period that expires on November 8, 2021;

WHEREAS, the business reasons that caused JanOne to enter into the SPA in 2016 are no longer extant and, accordingly, JanOne desires to relieve in full EEI of its obligations under the SPA; and

WHEREAS, for various internal business reasons, EEI is amenable to being relieved in full of its obligations under the SPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these presents and for such other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. Termination of Parties' Rights, Duties, and Obligations. All of the rights, duties, and obligations of each of EEI and JanOne under the SPA are terminated as of the Effective Date.

2. Return of Certain of the Commitment Shares. EEI shall return to JanOne for cancellation 122,257 (post-reverse split) of the Commitment Shares and shall be entitled retain up to 1,652 (post-reverse split) of the Commitment Shares. Such to-be-cancelled

number is the product of a ratio, the numerator of which is 100,000 (which represents the purchase price of the Initial Note) and the denominator of which is 7,500,000 (which represents the aggregate maximum purchase price under the SPA for all of the potential subsequent notes), in each case without taking into account the original issue discount for the Initial Note and all potential subsequent notes. EEI represents and warrants to JanOne that it has not sold or otherwise transferred any of the Commitment Shares.

3. Maintenance of the Initial Warrant. JanOne acknowledges that EEI may maintain ownership, exercise, or otherwise dispose of (a) the Initial Warrant, all in accordance with its terms and conditions and, if relevant, (b) the shares of JanOne's common stock underlying the Initial Warrant or into which the Initial Warrant may be or may have been exercised in whole or in part.

4. Mutual Release. Except to effectuate the transactions contemplated hereby and as otherwise provided hereinbelow, each of the Parties, on behalf of themselves, their respective officers, directors, employees, consultants, representatives, attorneys, affiliates and related entities, subsidiaries, parents, successors, assigns, and agents, hereby releases and discharges the other Party, and its respective officers, directors, employees, consultants, representatives, attorneys, affiliates and related entities, subsidiaries, parents, successors, assigns, and agents and each of them from any and all actions, claims, causes of action, judgments, liens, promises, agreements, contracts, obligations, transactions, indebtedness, costs, damages, losses, lawsuits, arbitrations, appeals, claims, liabilities, indemnifications, debts, demands, attorneys' fees, or costs Of expenses of any nature whatsoever relating to the SPA, the Initial Note, the Initial Warrant, and all transactions contemplated thereby.

5. Waiver of Unknown Claims. It is the intention of the Parties that this mutual release be effective as a full and final accord and satisfaction and release of each and every claim, whether known or unknown, that either of the Parties may have against the other Party respect of the SPA, the Initial Note, the Initial Warrant, and all transactions contemplated thereby. In furtherance of this intention, each Party acknowledges that it is familiar with California *Civil Code* §1542, which provides as follows:

"A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH DEBTOR."

Each Party expressly waives and relinquishes any right or benefit it might have under §1542 of the *California Civil Code* or any relevant similar statute to the full extent that it may lawfully waive such rights and benefits.

6. Miscellaneous Provisions.

a) Organization; Authority. Each Party is an entity duly incorporated or formed, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or formation with full corporate or limited liability company rights

or similar power and authority to enter into and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and otherwise to carry out their respective obligations hereunder. The execution and delivery hereof and performance by each Party of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or limited liability company action, as applicable. This Agreement has been duly executed by each Party and, when delivered in accordance with the terms hereof, will constitute the valid and legally binding obligation of such Party, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except: (i) as limited by general equitable principles and applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other laws of general application affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally and (ii) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies.

b) Entire Agreement. Except as may otherwise be provided by these Miscellaneous Provisions, this Agreement contains the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, with respect to such matters, which the Parties acknowledge have been merged into this Agreement.

c) Notices. Any and all notices or other communications or deliveries required or permitted to be provided hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given and effective on the schedule and in the manner set forth in the SPA. The address for such notices and communications shall be as set forth on the signature pages attached hereto.

d) Amendments; Waivers. No provision of this Agreement may be waived, modified, supplemented, or amended except in a written instrument signed by both Parties.

e) Headings. The headings herein are for convenience only, do not constitute a part of this Agreement and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions hereof.

f) Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their successors and permitted assigns. Neither Party may assign this Agreement or any rights, duties, or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other Party.

g) No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is intended for the benefit of the Parties 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 or entity.

h) Governing Law. All questions concerning the construction, validity, enforcement, and interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Nevada, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law thereof. Each Party agrees that

all legal proceedings concerning the interpretations, enforcement, and defense of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (whether brought against a Party or its respective affiliates, directors, officers, stockholders, partners, members, employees, or agents) shall be commenced exclusively in the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Las Vegas, Nevada. Each Party hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts sitting in the City of Las Vegas, County of Clark, State of Nevada 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 improper or is an inconvenient venue for such proceeding. 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 via registered or certified mail or overnight delivery (with evidence of delivery) to such Party at the address in effect for 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 other manner permitted by law. If either Party shall commence an action, suit, or proceeding to enforce any provisions hereof, then, the prevailing Party in such action, suit, or proceeding shall be reimbursed by the other Party for its reasonable attorneys' fees and other costs and expenses incurred with the investigation, preparation, and prosecution of such action or proceeding.

i) Survival. The representations and warranties contained herein shall survive the Closings and the delivery of the Securities and shall continue to survive for a period of two years from the last Closing.

j) Execution. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, all of which when taken together shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when counterparts have been signed by each Party and delivered to each other Party, it being understood that the Parties need not sign the same counterpart. In the event that any signature is delivered by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the Party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such ".pdf" signature page were an original thereof.

k) Severability. If any term of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated, and the Parties shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to find and employ an alternative means to achieve the same or substantially the same result as that contemplated by such term. It is hereby stipulated and declared to be the intention of the Parties that they would have executed the remaining terms without including any of such that may be hereafter declared invalid, illegal, void, or unenforceable.

l) Construction. The Parties agree that each of them and/or their respective counsel have reviewed and had an opportunity to revise this Agreement and, therefore, the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not be employed in the interpretation hereof.

m) WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. IN ANY ACTION, SUIT, OR PROCEEDING IN ANY JURISDICTION BROUGHT BY EITHER PARTY AGAINST THE OTHER PARTY, EACH PARTY KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, HEREBY ABSOLUTELY, UNCONDITIONALLY, IRREVOCABLY, AND EXPRESSLY WAIVES FOREVER TRIAL BY JURY.

*(Remainder of this page intentionally left blank; signatures begin on the next page.)*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Securities Purchase Agreement to be duly executed by their authorized signatories as of the date first indicated above.

JANONE INC.

Address for Notice:  
325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 102  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

By: /s/ Tony Isaac

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Name: Tony Isaac  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS, LLC

Address for Notice:  
325 W. Washington St., #2178  
San Diego, California 92103

By: /s/ John Kocumr

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Name: John Kocumr  
Title: Manager

**Exhibit 21.1**

Subsidiaries of Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Jurisdiction of Incorporation</b>
ARCA Recycling, Inc.	California
ARCA Canada Inc.	Ontario, Canada
Customer Connexx, LLC	Nevada
GeoTraq Inc.	Nevada

All subsidiaries are 100% owned by the Company.

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (No. 333-226775) on of JanOne Inc. of our report dated April 3, 2020, relating to the consolidated financial statements of JanOne Inc., which appear in the Form 10-K.

/s/ WSRP, LLC.  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
April 3, 2020

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (No. 333-226775) on Form S-8 of JanOne Inc. (formerly known as Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. and Subsidiaries) (collectively, the "Company") of our report dated March 29, 2019, except for Note 1, in the Restatement paragraph, and Note 15, in the Other commitments paragraph, as to which the date is November 15, 2019, relating to the consolidated financial statements, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 28, 2019.

/s/SingerLewak LLP

Los Angeles, California  
April 3, 2020

## Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Tony Isaac, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 of JanOne Inc. (the “registrant”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant’s auditors and the audit committee of the registrant’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting.

*/s/ Tony Isaac*

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**Tony Isaac**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**(Principal Executive Officer)**

Dated: April 3, 2020

## Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Virland Johnson, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019 of JanOne Inc. (the “registrant”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant’s auditors and the audit committee of the registrant’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting.

*/s/ Virland A. Johnson*

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**Virland A. Johnson**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**(Principal Financial Officer)**

Dated: April 3, 2020

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of JanOne Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Tony Isaac, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, to the best of my knowledge and belief, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

*/s/ Tony Isaac*

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**Tony Isaac**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**(Principal Executive Officer)**

Dated: April 3, 2020

The certification set forth above is being furnished as an exhibit solely pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and is not being filed as part of the Report as a separate disclosure document of the Company or the certifying officers.

*A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.*

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of JanOne Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2019, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Virland A. Johnson, the Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) of the Company, to the best of my knowledge and belief, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

*/s/ Virland A. Johnson*

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**Virland A. Johnson**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**(Principal Financial Officer)**

Dated: April 3, 2020

The certification set forth above is being furnished as an exhibit solely pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and is not being filed as part of the Report as a separate disclosure document of the Company or the certifying officers.

*A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.*