

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K/A

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 20, 2023**
(February 21, 2023)

STARCO BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of Company as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or other jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-54892

(Commission
File Number)

27-1781753

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

**250 26th Street, Suite 200
Santa Monica, CA 90402**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(323) 266-7111

(Registrant's Telephone Number)

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

Title of each class

Class A common stock

Trading Symbol(s)

STCB

Name of each exchange on which registered

OTC Markets Group OTCQB tier

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an 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 provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act

Explanatory Note

This Amendment No. 1 on Form 8-K/A amends the Current Report on Form 8-K of Starco Brands, Inc. (the "Company") filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on February 21, 2023 (the "Original Form 8-K"). The Original Form 8-K reported the Company's acquisition of Soylent Nutrition, Inc. ("Soylent"). This Amendment No. 1 on Form 8-K/A is being filed by the Company solely to provide the disclosures required by Item 9.01 of Form 8-K that were omitted from the Original Form 8-K, including the required audited financial statements of Soylent in accordance with Rule 3-05 of Regulation S-X and the required pro forma financial information in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X. Except as otherwise provided herein, the disclosures made in the Original Form 8-K remain unchanged.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired:

In accordance with Item 9.01(a), the audited financial statements of Soylent as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and are incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information:

In accordance with Item 9.01(b), the unaudited consolidated pro forma statement as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, giving effect to the Soylent Acquisition,

are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and are incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|---------------------------|--|
| 99.1 | Audited financial statements of Soylent as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021. |
| 99.2 | Unaudited consolidated pro forma statement of operations as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022. |
| 104 | Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

STARCO BRANDS, INC.

Dated: October 20, 2023

/s/ Kevin Zaccardi

Kevin Zaccardi
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Board of Directors and Stockholders
Soylent Nutrition, Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Soylent Nutrition, Inc., which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Soylent Nutrition, Inc. as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Soylent Nutrition, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, in 2022, Soylent Nutrition, Inc. adopted new accounting guidance Accounting Standards Codification Topic 842, *Leases*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to these matters.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Soylent Nutrition, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements. In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Soylent Nutrition, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Soy lent Nutrition, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

/s/ Moss Adams LLP

Los Angeles, California
April 7, 2023

Financial Statements

Soy lent Nutrition, Inc.
Balance Sheets (In Thousands, Except Share Data)
December 31, 2022 and 2021

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 3,009 | \$ 7,769 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 8,269 | 5,512 |
| Inventories | 13,181 | 6,876 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 849 | 429 |
| Total current assets | <u>25,308</u> | <u>20,586</u> |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT | | |
| Property and equipment | 191 | 208 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (182) | (192) |
| Property and equipment, net | <u>9</u> | <u>16</u> |
| INTANGIBLE ASSETS, net | | |
| | <u>122</u> | <u>139</u> |
| OTHER ASSETS | | |
| | <u>35</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 25,474</u> | <u>\$ 20,741</u> |
| LIABILITIES, CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 7,681 | \$ 2,539 |
| Accrued expenses | 458 | 949 |
| Payroll liabilities | 519 | 926 |
| Deferred revenue | 50 | 635 |
| Current portion of loan payable | - | 340 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>8,708</u> | <u>5,389</u> |
| LOAN PAYABLE, net of current portion | | |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>425</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>8,708</u> | <u>5,814</u> |
| COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 8) | | |
| CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK | | |
| Preferred stock \$0.000001 par value (shares authorized, issued and outstanding of 41,096,182 shares, of which 19,437,097 are Series A Preferred Stock and 21,659,085 are Series B Preferred Stock) | <u>71,817</u> | <u>71,817</u> |
| Total convertible preferred stock | 71,817 | 71,817 |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) | | |
| Common stock \$0.000001 par value (shares authorized 175,000,000; shares issued and outstanding 106,916,091 and 104,529,961) | - | - |
| Additional paid-in-capital | 867 | 668 |
| Accumulated deficit | <u>(55,918)</u> | <u>(57,558)</u> |
| Total stockholders' equity | <u>16,766</u> | <u>14,927</u> |

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total liabilities, convertible preferred stock and stockholders' equity (deficit) | \$ 25,474 | \$ 20,741 |
|---|-----------|-----------|

See accompanying notes.

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Soylent Nutrition, Inc.
Statements of Income (In Thousands)
Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| NET REVENUES | \$ 48,002 | \$ 50,017 |
| COST OF GOODS SOLD | 24,904 | 24,658 |
| Gross profit | 23,098 | 25,359 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | |
| General and administrative | 10,385 | 11,289 |
| Sales and marketing | 12,316 | 11,259 |
| Total operating expenses | 22,701 | 22,548 |
| INCOME FROM OPERATIONS | 397 | 2,811 |
| OTHER INCOME | | |
| Forgiveness of loan payable | 765 | 1,855 |
| Other income | 513 | 97 |
| Total other income | 1,278 | 1,952 |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES | 1,675 | 4,763 |
| PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES | (35) | - |
| NET INCOME | \$ 1,640 | \$ 4,763 |

See accompanying notes.

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Soylent Nutrition, Inc.
Statements of Convertible Preferred Stock and Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)
(In Thousands, Except Share Data)
Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

| | Convertible Preferred Stock | | Stockholders' Equity (Deficit) | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| | Preferred Stock | | Common Stock | | Additional Paid-in | Accumulated | Total |
| | Shares | Amount | Shares | Amount | Capital | Deficit | |
| BALANCE, December 31, 2020 | 41,096,182 | \$ 71,817 | 104,529,961 | \$ - | \$ 287 | \$ (62,309) | \$ 9,795 |
| Net income | - | - | - | - | - | 4,751 | 4,751 |
| Stock-based compensation | - | - | - | - | 381 | - | 381 |
| BALANCE, December 31, 2021 | 41,096,182 | 71,817 | 104,529,961 | - | 668 | (57,558) | 14,927 |
| Net income | - | - | - | - | - | 1,640 | 1,640 |
| Exercise of common stock options | - | - | 2,386,130 | - | 24 | - | 24 |
| Stock-based compensation | - | - | - | - | 175 | - | 175 |
| BALANCE, December 31, 2022 | 41,096,182 | \$ 71,817 | 106,916,091 | \$ - | \$ 867 | \$ (55,918) | \$ 16,766 |

See accompanying notes.

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Soylent Nutrition, Inc.
Statements of Cash Flows (In Thousands)
Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

2022

2021

| | | | | |
|--|----|---------|----|---------|
| NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Net income | \$ | 1,640 | \$ | 4,751 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided (used) for operating activities | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | | 24 | | 42 |
| Stock-based compensation | | 175 | | 381 |
| Forgiveness of loan payable | | (765) | | (1,855) |
| Net change in operating assets and liabilities | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | | (2,757) | | (2,423) |
| Inventories | | (6,305) | | 846 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | | (455) | | (55) |
| Accounts payable | | 5,142 | | (931) |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | | (898) | | (435) |
| Deferred revenue | | (585) | | 153 |
| Net cash from operating activities | | (4,784) | | 474 |
| NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment and intangible assets | | - | | (12) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Common stock options exercises | | 24 | | - |
| Proceeds from loan payable | | - | | 765 |
| Net cash from financing activities | | 24 | | 765 |
| NET CHANGE IN CASH | | (4,760) | | 1,227 |
| CASH, beginning of year | | 7,769 | | 6,542 |
| CASH, end of year | \$ | 3,009 | \$ | 7,769 |

See accompanying notes.

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Soylent Nutrition, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements (In Thousands, Except Share Data)

Note 1 – Nature of Business

Rosa Foods, Inc. was a Delaware corporation, incorporated on May 12, 2012. On April 11, 2019, the Company changed its name to Soylent Nutrition, Inc. (the “Company”).

The Company is the developer and distributor of nutritionally complete foods. The Company’s first product was a powder, which launched in 2014. A liquid version of the product was launched in 2015, and various flavors have also been introduced in the succeeding years. The Company markets and sells its products in the United States of America and Canada. The majority of sales are generated through the Company’s e-commerce website and through a major online distributor. The remaining sales are generated through various retail outlets.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of presentation – The Company’s financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Use of estimates – The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Estimates are based on historical experience and other assumptions that management believes to be reasonable, the results of which form the basis of making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant accounting estimates made by the Company include reserves for sales returns and credit card chargebacks, useful lives of property and equipment, valuation of deferred taxes, and the valuation of the fair value of common stock, preferred stock, and stock options.

Revenue recognition – In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 606, revenue is recognized when the transaction price is determinable, performance obligation(s) are met, and control of the promised goods is transferred, in an amount that reflects the consideration in exchange for the goods sold. Estimates for returns and allowances are recorded as reductions of revenue in the period of sale. Revenue from e-commerce sales is recognized when the merchandise is shipped to the customer and excludes sales taxes. The Company accrues for sales taxes that have been collected from customers but have not yet been remitted to the respective government agencies in accrued expenses.

Online customer orders – Revenues for online customer orders are recorded net of returns and discounts. Online returns and online discounts were \$100 and \$2,887 for the year ended December 31, 2022, respectively. Online returns and online discounts were \$187 and \$880 for the year ended December 31, 2021, respectively. The Company routinely offers sales discounts through various programs to its customers and consumers. These programs include discounts for subscriptions and other various coupons.

Retail customer orders – The Company sells to its major online distributor and to its various retail outlets based on purchase orders placed by these customers.

Revenues for retail customers are recorded net of returns and cooperative advertising of \$7,998 and \$9,460 for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

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Cash and cash equivalents – The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are generally overnight money market investments. The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The Company mitigates its risk by placing funds with high credit quality financial institutions and,

consequently, the Company believes it is not exposed to any significant risk on its cash balances.

Financial instruments and credit risk concentration – Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash accounts receivable. The concentration of credit risk is composed of two customers in 2022 and 2021. The Company performs routine credit evaluations of its customers’ financial condition.

The Company’s cash balances are held in financial institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. The Company had \$2,477,697 and \$7,032,721 of cash balances in excess of insured limits at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Balances are held at high credit quality institutions and management believes the potential for losses on uninsured balances to be remote.

Accounts receivable – The Company provides credit to its wholesale customers with credit terms ranging from 30–60 days, and records accounts receivable at net realizable value. This value includes a reduction to the wholesale price for agreed-upon deductions, including cooperative advertising allowances and return allowances. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had accounts receivable of \$8,269 and \$5,512, respectively. The Company has no allowance for doubtful accounts as of December 31, 2022 and 2021. The balance in accounts receivable as of January 1, 2021, was \$3,089.

Inventories – Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (determined by the first-in, first-out method) or net realizable value. Inventory is comprised of finished goods. The finished goods are produced by third-party contract manufacturers. The Company only values inventory that it is currently selling, and all older inventory products are written off. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had a provision for excess and obsolete inventory of \$50 and \$212, respectively.

Cost of goods sold also includes the cost to move finished goods from the third-party manufacturers to the Company’s third-party warehouses.

Prepaid expenses and other current assets – Prepaid expenses and other current assets primarily include prepayments made for insurance and hosted software licenses and other non-trade receivables.

Selling and marketing expenses – Selling and marketing expenses are primarily comprised of marketing expenses, selling expenses, and shipping expenses. Included in selling and marketing expenses are advertising costs, such as online advertising and event sponsorships, which were \$2,850 and \$2,291 in 2022 and 2021, respectively. Non-advertising-related components of the Company’s total marketing spending include costs associated with consumer promotions, product sampling, and creative content creation, which are also included in selling and marketing expenses. Also included in selling and marketing expenses are the costs to distribute products to customers and other shipping and handling activities, which were \$6,077 and \$7,239 in 2022 and 2021, respectively.

General and administrative expenses – General and administrative expenses are primarily comprised of administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization expenses, and other miscellaneous operating items.

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Property and equipment – The Company’s useful lives for property and equipment are as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Leasehold improvements | Shorter of lease term or 10 years |
| Furniture and fixtures | 5 years |
| Lab and office equipment | 3 years |
| Computer equipment | 3 years |

Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged directly to expense when incurred.

Long-lived assets – Long-lived assets, including property and equipment, are reviewed by management for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be fully recoverable. When events or circumstances indicate that impairment may be present, management evaluates the probability that future undiscounted net cash flows received will be less than the carrying amount of the asset. If projected future undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying value of an asset, then such assets are written down to their fair values. The Company uses a discounted cash flow (DCF) model to measure the impairment of fixed assets. A number of significant assumptions and estimates are involved in the application of the DCF model to forecast operating cash flows, which are largely unobservable inputs and, accordingly, are classified as Level 3 inputs within the fair value hierarchy. There was no impairment of long-lived assets as of December 31, 2022.

Intangible assets – Intangible assets with definite lives are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The Company reviews intangible assets with definite useful lives for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the related carrying amounts may not be recoverable. The Company tests intangible assets with indefinite lives annually for impairment and more frequently in the event of impairment indicators. There was no impairment of intangible assets as of December 31, 2022.

Fair value measurements – Fair value is defined as the amount that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The authoritative guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the types of inputs to valuation techniques that companies may use to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1). The next highest priority is given to inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly (Level 2). The lowest priority is given to unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data available and which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions (Level 3).

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets accessible by the reporting entity for identical assets or liabilities. Active markets are those in which transactions for the asset or liability occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Level 2 – Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-derived valuations in which significant value drivers are observable.

Level 3 – Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which significant value drivers are unobservable.

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The Company’s financial instruments include accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses, and Paycheck Protection Program Loan (“PPP Loan”), for which the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the short-term maturity of these financial instruments.

Significant customers – Revenue from two customers amounted to approximately \$26,007 or 43% of total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2022. Revenue from two customers amounted to approximately \$31,516 or 50% of total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2021. Included in accounts receivable at December 31, 2022 and 2021, was \$4,310 and \$3,650 due from these customers, respectively.

Significant suppliers – Purchases from three major suppliers accounted for approximately 80% and 86% of inventory purchases for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Included in accounts payable at December 31, 2022 and 2021, is \$4,665 and \$529 due to these suppliers, respectively. Payment terms ranged from 30–45 days. There are no future purchases commitment agreements with suppliers.

Income taxes – The Company is subject to federal and state income taxes. The Company uses the liability method of accounting for income taxes as set forth in the authoritative guidance for accounting for income taxes. Under this method, the Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the respective carrying amounts and tax basis of assets and liabilities. A valuation allowance is established against the portion of deferred tax assets that the Company believes will not be realized on a more likely than not basis.

With respect to uncertain tax positions, the Company recognizes in its financial statements those tax positions determined to be more likely than not of being sustained upon examination, based on the technical merits of the positions. The Company’s policy is to recognize, when applicable, interest and penalties on uncertain tax positions as part of income tax expense.

Sales tax – The Company collects taxes from certain customers. Sales tax collected is recorded as a liability until the taxes are remitted to the appropriate authorities.

Contingencies – The Company is subject to a range of claims, lawsuits, and administrative proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of business. The Company accrues a liability (which amount includes litigation costs expected to be incurred) and charges operations for such matters when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Estimating liabilities and costs associated with these matters requires significant judgment based upon the professional knowledge and experience of management and its legal counsel.

Equity-based compensation – The Company recognizes compensation expense resulting from employee share-based payments on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to estimate the fair value of stock options at the measurement date. Grant date is deemed to be the appropriate measurement date for stock options issued to employees.

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The Company has a stock option vesting schedule defined in the 2014 Stock Plan. In addition, there are other Board of Directors-approved vesting schedules that have varying vesting lengths of time and acceleration clauses. The vesting schedules are used in the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to determine the compensation expense. The vesting schedules do not include performance-based vesting conditions. The use of the Black-Scholes option-pricing model requires the use of subjective assumptions, including the fair value and projected volatility of the underlying common stock and the expected term of the award.

Transactions with nonemployees in which goods or services are the consideration received for the issuance of stock options are accounted for based on the fair value of the consideration received or the fair value of the equity instrument issued, whichever is more reliably measurable. The measurement date of the fair value of the equity instrument issued is the earlier of the date on which the counterparty’s performance is complete or the date on which it is probable that performance will occur.

Change in accounting policy – In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. Lessees will be required to recognize assets and liabilities on the balance sheet for the rights and obligations created by all leases with terms of more than 12 months. For all non-public entities, the standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. The Company adopted this accounting pronouncement with an initial application date of January 1, 2022. The effects of the accounting pronouncement did not have an impact on the Company’s reported financial results or financial disclosures.

Subsequent events – Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the balance sheet date but before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. The Company recognized in the financial statements the effects of all subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the balance sheet, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing the financial statements. The Company’s financial statements do not recognize subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the date of the balance sheet but arose after the balance sheet date and before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued.

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through April 7, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Soylent Nutrition, Inc.
Notes to Financial Statements (In Thousands, Except Share Data)

Note 3 – Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| Lab equipment | \$ 38 | \$ 56 |
| Computer equipment | 153 | 152 |
| | 191 | 208 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization | 182 | 192 |
| | <u>\$ 9</u> | <u>\$ 16</u> |

Depreciation expense on these assets for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, was \$7 and \$26, respectively, all of which is recorded in general and administrative expenses in the accompanying statements of operations.

Note 4 – Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are stated at cost and amortization expense is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. A summary of intangible assets as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, is as follows:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Domains | \$ 126 | \$ 126 |
| Trademarks | 122 | 122 |
| Software | 259 | 259 |
| Total intangible assets | 507 | 507 |
| Less: accumulated amortization | 385 | 368 |
| Intangible assets, net | \$ 122 | \$ 139 |

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Amortization expense on these intangible assets for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, was \$17 and \$16, respectively, all of which is recorded in general and administrative expenses in the accompanying statements of operations. Estimated amortization expense for the future fiscal years is as follows:

| | |
|------------|--------|
| 2023 | \$ 17 |
| 2024 | 17 |
| 2025 | 17 |
| 2026 | 17 |
| 2027 | 17 |
| Thereafter | 37 |
| Total | \$ 122 |

Note 5 – Accrued Expenses

Accrued expenses consisted of the following at December 31, 2022 and 2021:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Accrued employee-related expenses | \$ 519 | \$ 926 |
| Other accrued expenses | 458 | 949 |
| | \$ 977 | \$ 1,875 |

Note 6 – Loan Payable

Loan payable – In March 2021, the Company was granted a second PPP Loan offered by the SBA under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act for approximately \$765. The loan bears interest at 1% with no payments due for the first 10 months, after the end of the covered period. Monthly payments of principal and interest ranging from approximately \$86–\$96 begin in September 2021 and continue through maturity in March 2023, if required. All remaining principal and accrued interest is due and payable upon maturity. The loan is subject to partial or full forgiveness if the Company uses all proceeds for eligible purposes, maintains certain employment levels, and maintains certain compensation levels in accordance with and subject to the CARES Act and the rules, regulations, and guidance. The Company applied for and has been notified that the full amount of \$765 in eligible expenditures for payroll expenses described in the CARES Act has been forgiven for the year ended December 31, 2022. Loan forgiveness is reflected as a component of other income in the accompanying statements of income.

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Note 7 – Stockholders' Equity

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company's shares consisted of 175,000,000 authorized shares of common stock, par value \$0.000001 per share (the "Common Stock"), of which 106,916,091 and 104,529,961 were issued and outstanding, and 41,096,182 shares of preferred stock, of which 19,437,097 of Series A Preferred Stock par value \$0.000001 per share and 21,659,085 of Series B Preferred Stock par value \$0.000001 were issued and outstanding, respectively. The Company has not declared or paid any dividends or authorized or made any distribution upon or with respect to any class or series of its capital stock.

Preferred stock (Series A and Series B) – In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Company or any deemed liquidation event, (i) the holder of shares of Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding shall be entitled to be paid out of the proceeds and assets of the Company, prior and in preference to any distribution of the proceeds of such liquidation event to the holders of a more subordinated equity instrument, an amount per share equal to \$1.12371 (as adjusted for stock splits, stock dividends, etc.) plus declared but unpaid dividends, and (ii) the holders of shares of Series B Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive, prior and in preference to, any distribution of the assets of the Company to the holders of Common Stock, an amount per share equal to \$2.3085 per share.

If upon such liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Company, the assets of the Company available for distribution to its shareholders shall be insufficient to pay the Preferred Stock shareholders the full amount to which they shall be entitled, the Preferred Stock shareholders shall share ratably in any distribution of the assets available for distribution in proportion to the respective amounts which would otherwise be payable in respect to the shares held by them upon such distribution if all amounts payable on or with respect to such shares were paid in full. The Series A Original Issue Price is \$1.12371 per share, subject to appropriate adjustment in the event of any stock dividend, stock split, combination, or other similar recapitalization with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock. The Series A Preferred Stock is entitled to a non-cumulative annual dividend of \$0.06742 per share, when, as, and if declared by the Board of Directors of the Company. The Series B Preferred Stock is entitled to receive dividends, on a pari passu basis, out of any assets legally available therefor, prior and in preference to any declaration or payment of any dividend at a rate of 6% of the Series A Price or the Series B Price, per annum on each outstanding share of Preferred Stock.

After payment of such dividends, any additional dividends shall be distributed among the holders of Series A Preferred Stock, Series B Preferred Stock, and Common Stock pro rata based on the number of shares of Common Stock then held by each holder. Shares of the Series A Preferred Stock also participate in the dividend declared to the holders of Common Stock on an as-if converted to Common Stock basis. The Series A Preferred Stock is convertible, at the option of the holder, at any time after issuance, into the number of fully paid shares of Common Stock that results from dividing the original issue price of the Series A Preferred Stock by the conversion price in effect at the time of conversion.

The Series A Preferred Stock will automatically be converted, at the then-effective conversion price, upon the earlier of: (i) the closing of sale of shares of Common Stock in a firm commitment underwritten public offering pursuant to a registration statement under Securities Act of 1933, with aggregate gross proceeds not less than \$50,000,000,

before deduction of underwriting discounts and commissions, or (ii) a vote or written consent of majority of the then-outstanding shares of Preferred Stock.

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The initial conversion price of the Preferred Stock is its original issue price. The conversion price is subject to adjustment for certain stock dividends, stock splits, combinations, or other similar recapitalizations to adjust for the dilutive or accretive effects of such transactions.

Additionally, in the event the Company issues additional shares of Common Stock (including warrants, options, rights, or convertible securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for shares of common stock) that are not “Exempted Securities” under the Certificate of Incorporation, without consideration or for a consideration per share that is less than the conversion price of the Preferred Stock in effect immediately prior to such issuance, the conversion price shall be adjusted (the “Down Round Protection”).

The conversion features were determined to be clearly and closely related to the Series A Preferred Stock which has an equity host. The Down Round Protection is a contingent beneficial conversion feature which may require recognition of a beneficial conversion feature if the newly reduced effective conversion price of the Preferred Stock is less than the commitment date price of the Common Stock, but would not be recognized until the contingency is resolved.

Stock-based compensation plan – The Company grants stock options to its employees, as well as nonemployees, under the Company’s 2014 Stock Plan. The shares authorized under the 2014 Stock Plan are 24,645,874. Options granted have a variety of different vesting terms and have a contractual life of 10 years.

The following tables summarize the Company’s stock option activities during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021:

| | Number of Share Options | Exercise Price Per Share | Weighted-Average Fair Value | Remaining Weighted-Average Contractual Life |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2020 | 8,805,640 | \$ 0.192 | \$ 0.418 | 5.88 |
| Options granted | 790,000 | 0.010 | 0.004 | 8.02 |
| Options forfeited or expired | (779,770) | 0.345 | 0.161 | - |
| Outstanding as of December 31, 2021 | 8,815,870 | 0.175 | 0.411 | 5.08 |
| Exercisable as of December 31, 2021 | 7,603,366 | \$ 0.202 | \$ 0.449 | 4.53 |

| | Number of Share Options | Exercise Price Per Share | Weighted-Average Fair Value | Remaining Weighted-Average Contractual Life |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2021 | 8,815,870 | \$ 0.175 | \$ 0.411 | 5.08 |
| Options granted | 640,000 | 0.030 | 0.014 | 8.46 |
| Options exercised | (2,386,130) | 0.010 | 0.030 | - |
| Options forfeited or expired | (373,666) | 0.310 | 0.010 | - |
| Outstanding as of December 31, 2022 | 6,696,074 | 0.238 | 0.531 | 3.74 |
| Exercisable as of December 31, 2022 | 5,785,176 | \$ 0.270 | \$ 0.590 | 2.93 |

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Compensation expense related to employee equity-based awards is measured and recognized in the financial statements based on the fair value of the awards. The fair value of each option granted for employees has been estimated as of the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. Equity-based compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line method over the requisite service period, which is typically the vesting period of the award.

Equity-based awards issued to nonemployees are accounted for at fair value determined by using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The fair value of each nonemployee equity-based award is re-measured each period until a commitment date is reached, which is generally the vesting date.

The following table sets forth the weighted average assumptions used to estimate the fair value of options granted during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 3.00% | 0.91% |
| Expected term in years | 6 | 6 |
| Volatility | 43.00% | 47.00% |
| Dividend yield | -% | -% |

Risk-free interest rate – The yield on actively traded non-inflation indexed U.S. Treasury notes with the same maturity as the expected term of the underlying options was used as the average risk-free interest rate.

Expected term – The expected term of options granted to employees during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, was determined based on management’s expectations of the options granted, which are expected to remain outstanding. The expected term for options granted to nonemployees is equal to the remaining contractual life of the options.

Expected volatility – As the Company is a private entity, there is not a substantive share price history to calculate volatility and, as such, the Company has elected to use an approximation based on the volatility of other comparable public companies, which compete directly with the Company, over the expected term of the options.

Dividend yield – The Company has not issued regular dividends on common shares in the past, nor does the Company expect to issue dividends in the future.

Forfeiture rate – The Company has adopted ASU No. 2016-09, *Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*, and has elected to account for forfeitures as they occur.

During the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company recorded \$175 and \$381 of stock-based compensation expense related to options issued to employees and nonemployees, respectively. The weighted-average grant date fair value of options granted in 2022 and 2021 was \$0.004. As of December 31, 2022, there was \$9,378 in unrecognized compensation expense related to nonvested share-based compensation arrangements. That expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.06 years.

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Note 8 – Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation – From time to time, the Company is involved in various routine legal proceedings incidental to the conduct of its business. Management does not believe that any of these legal proceedings will have a material adverse impact on the business, financial condition, or results of operations of the Company.

Note 9 – Income Taxes

Federal and state income tax expenses for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, are \$34 and \$0, respectively. The tax effects of temporary differences and carryforwards that give rise to significant portions of deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Deferred tax assets | | |
| Net operating loss carryforwards | \$ 10,936 | \$ 11,171 |
| Tax credits | 1,676 | 1,482 |
| Accruals, reserves, and others | 315 | 737 |
| Gross deferred tax assets | 12,927 | 13,390 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | |
| Depreciation | (2) | (4) |
| Others | (31) | (70) |
| Gross deferred tax liabilities | (33) | (74) |
| Net deferred tax assets before valuation allowance | 12,894 | 13,316 |
| Valuation allowance | (12,894) | (13,316) |
| Net deferred tax asset after valuation allowance | \$ - | \$ - |

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A reconciliation between the effective tax rate and the statutory tax rate for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, are as follows:

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Statutory federal tax rate | 21.0% | 21.0% |
| State income taxes, net | 5.7% | 9.3% |
| Expected effective tax rate | 26.7% | 30.3% |
| PPP loan forgiveness | -9.8% | -8.2% |
| Change in valuation allowance | -25.7% | -57.8% |
| Other permanent differences | -0.2% | 1.7% |
| R&D tax credits, net | 0.0% | 1.2% |
| Prior year true-ups | 11.1% | 32.8% |
| | 2.1% | 0.0% |

The Company has established a full valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets due to the uncertainty surrounding realization of these assets. Realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon future earnings, if any, the timing and amount of which are uncertain. Accordingly, the net deferred tax assets have been fully offset by a valuation allowance. The valuation allowance was decreased by \$422, decreased by \$2,745, and increased by \$618, during the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020, respectively.

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company had net operating loss carryforwards for federal tax purposes of approximately \$43,876 and \$45,272, respectively. The federal net operating losses do not expire.

As of December 31, 2022, the Company had research and development tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$815 and \$682 for federal and California state income tax purposes, respectively. As of December 31, 2021, the Company had research and development tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$815 and \$653 for federal and California state income tax purposes, respectively. The federal tax credit carryforward begins expiring in 2032, and the state credits carryforward indefinitely.

Under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Company's ability to utilize net operating losses or other tax attributes such as research tax credits in any taxable year may be limited if the Company experiences, or has experienced, an "ownership change." A Section 382 "ownership change" generally occurs if one or more stockholders or groups of stockholders, who own at least 5% of the Company's stock, increase their ownership by more than 50 percentage points over their lowest ownership percentage within a rolling three-year period. Similar rules may apply under state tax laws. The Company may in the future experience one or more Section 382 "ownership changes." If so, the Company may not be able to utilize a material portion of its net operating losses and tax credits, even if the Company achieves profitability.

The Company did not have any unrecognized tax benefits (UTBs) or accrued interest and penalties as of December 31, 2022 or 2021. All of the deferred tax assets are fully offset by a valuation allowance.

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The Company files U.S. federal and state income tax returns with varying statutes of limitations. The tax years from inception in 2012 will remain open to examination due to the carryover of the unused net operating losses and tax credits. The Company does not have any tax audits or other proceedings pending.

The Company does not expect any material changes to the estimated amount of liability associated with its uncertain tax positions within the next 12 months.

Note 10 – Employee Benefit Plan

The Company allows employees to participate in a 401(k) plan, which is managed by a third party. The Company matches 100% of the employee's contributions, up to 4% of their total compensation, subject only to annual limitations as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company made matching contributions to the 401(k) plan of \$109 and \$99, respectively. This contribution amount is recorded in the statements of operations as a component of general and administrative expense.

Note 11 – Subsequent Event

On February 14, 2023, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") with Starco Brands, Inc., a Nevada corporation ("Acquiror") and its wholly-owned subsidiary Starco Merger Sub I, Inc. a Delaware corporation ("Merger Sub"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, on February 15, 2023 Merger Sub merged with and into the Company and the Company became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Acquiror. The merger was a cash and stock deal. Acquiror is a publicly traded company on the OTC Markets Group OTCQB tier (OTCQB:STCB) and shares of the Acquiror's Class A common stock, valued for purposes of the Merger Agreement at \$0.35 per share, were issued as consideration.

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The following unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations for as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 are based on the historical consolidated financial statements of Starco Brands Inc., a Nevada corporation (“STCB” or the “Company”) and Soyilent Nutrition, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Soylent”), after giving retroactive effect to the Company’s acquisition of Soyilent effective February 15, 2023 (the “Acquisition”), and applying the assumptions and adjustments described in the accompanying notes to the unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2022 is presented as if the Acquisition had occurred on December 31, 2022 and gives effect to certain pro forma adjustments and are derived from the Company’s audited balance sheet as of December 31, 2022 and the audited Soyilent balance sheet as of December 31, 2022.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2022 is presented as if the Acquisition had occurred on January 1, 2022 and gives effect to certain pro forma adjustments and are derived from the audited consolidated statement of operations of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the audited consolidated statement of operations of Soyilent for the year ended December 31, 2022.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information is based on the assumptions set forth in the notes to such information. These adjustments are provisional and subject to further adjustment as additional information becomes available, additional analyses are performed, and as warranted by changes in current conditions and future expectations. The unaudited pro forma adjustments made in preparation of the unaudited pro forma information are based upon available information and assumptions that the Company considers to be reasonable and have been made solely for purposes of developing such unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information for illustrative purposes in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”).

The unaudited pro forma adjustments have been made solely for information purposes. The actual results reported by the Company in periods following the Acquisition may differ significantly from that reflected in these unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements. As a result, the unaudited pro forma consolidated information is not intended to represent and does not purport to be indicative of what the Company’s financial condition or results of operations would have been had the acquisition been completed on the applicable dates of this unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information. In addition, the unaudited pro forma consolidated financial information does not purport to project the future financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, should be read in conjunction with:

- the accompanying notes to the unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements;
- the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the related notes thereto, included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 18, 2023;
- the audited financial statements of Soyilent for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K/A.

The purchase price allocation takes into account the information management believes is reasonable. Nevertheless, the Company has one year from the Closing Date to make a final determination of purchase accounting allocations; and, accordingly, adjustments may be made to the foregoing allocations for the Acquisition.

STARCO BRANDS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | As of December 31, 2022 | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|--|-------|-----------------------|
| | STCB | Soylent | Transaction Accounting Adjustments | Notes | Pro Forma Combined |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Current Assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1,480,371 | 3,008,923 | - | | 4,489,294 |
| Accounts receivable, net, \$2,107,015 from related party | 2,555,525 | 8,268,904 | - | | 10,824,429 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 902,090 | 848,647 | - | | 1,750,737 |
| Inventory | 3,033,653 | 13,181,227 | - | | 16,214,880 |
| Total Current Assets | \$ 7,971,639 | \$ 25,307,701 | \$ - | | \$ 33,279,340 |
| Property and equipment, net | 25,873 | 9,209 | - | | 35,082 |
| Operating lease right-of-use assets | 61,353 | - | - | | 61,353 |
| Intangibles, net | 198,403 | 122,326 | 24,600,000 | (4) | 24,920,729 |
| Goodwill | 32,836,563 | - | 36,625,579 | (1) | 69,462,142 |
| Note receivable, \$95,640 from related party | 95,640 | - | - | | 95,640 |
| Other long-term assets | - | 34,500 | - | | 34,500 |
| Total Assets | \$ 41,189,471 | \$ 25,473,736 | \$ 61,225,579 | | \$ 127,888,786 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS’ EQUITY | | | | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | 3,245,573 | 7,680,691 | - | | 10,926,264 |
| Other payables and accrued liabilities | 1,135,803 | 1,028,615 | - | | 2,164,418 |
| Accrued interest, \$6,960 from related party | 6,960 | - | - | | 6,960 |
| Fair value of potential Share Adjustment | - | - | 37,143,360 | (5) | 37,143,360 |
| Treasury stock payable, current | 131,400 | - | - | | 131,400 |
| Loans and advances payable, related party | - | - | - | | - |
| Notes payable, \$3,047,533 from related party | 3,109,535 | - | 4,800,000 | (6) | 7,909,535 |
| Lease liability | 61,605 | - | - | | 61,605 |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$ 7,690,876 | \$ 8,709,306 | \$ 41,943,360 | | \$ 58,343,542 |

| | | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Treasury stock payable, net of current portion | 65,700 | - | - | 65,700 |
| Loans payable, net of current portion, \$572,500 from related party | 572,500 | - | - | 572,500 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 8,329,076 | \$ 8,709,306 | \$ 41,943,360 | \$ 58,981,742 |
| Stockholders' Equity: | | | | |
| Preferred stock | - | 71,816,659 | (71,816,659) | (1) |
| Common stock | 291,433 | - | 177,955 | (1), (2) |
| Additional paid in capital | 43,332,886 | 867,158 | 32,215,822 | (1), (2) |
| Treasury stock at cost | (394,200) | - | - | (394,200) |
| Equity consideration payable | 7,114,513 | - | 2,785,714 | (3) |
| Accumulated deficit | (17,578,219) | (55,919,387) | 55,919,387 | (1) |
| Total Stockholders' Equity | \$ 32,766,413 | \$ 16,764,430 | \$ 19,282,219 | \$ 68,813,062 |
| Non-controlling interest | 93,982 | - | - | 93,982 |
| Total Stockholders' Equity | \$ 32,860,395 | \$ 16,764,430 | \$ 19,282,219 | \$ 68,907,044 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$ 41,189,471 | 25,473,736 | \$ 61,225,579 | \$ 127,888,786 |

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

STARCO BRANDS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

| | For the Year Ended December 31, 2022 | | | | |
|--|---|---------------------|---|--------------|---------------------------|
| | STCB | Soylent | Transaction Accounting Adjustments | Notes | Pro Forma Combined |
| Revenue | \$ 7,812,728 | \$ 48,001,754 | \$ - | | \$ 55,814,482 |
| Cost of goods sold | 776,127 | 24,904,143 | - | | 25,680,270 |
| Gross profit | \$ 7,036,601 | \$ 23,097,611 | \$ - | | \$ 30,134,212 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | | |
| Compensation expense | \$ 1,175,267 | \$ 3,626,363 | \$ - | | \$ 4,801,630 |
| Professional fees | 1,822,927 | 2,755,249 | 5,700,000 | (7) | 10,278,176 |
| Marketing, General and administrative | 2,756,808 | 16,319,781 | 1,713,750 | (10) | 20,790,339 |
| Marketing, related party | 131,614 | - | - | | 131,614 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 5,886,616 | 22,701,393 | 7,413,750 | | 36,001,759 |
| Income (Loss) from operations | \$ 1,149,985 | \$ 396,218 | \$ (7,413,750) | | \$ (5,867,547) |
| Other Income (Expense): | | | | | |
| Interest income (expense) | (68,721) | - | - | | (68,721) |
| Gain (loss) on forgiveness of debt | (103,406) | 764,680 | - | | 661,274 |
| Other income (expense) | - | 512,803 | - | | 512,803 |
| Total Other Income (Expense) | (172,127) | 1,277,483 | - | | 1,105,356 |
| Income (loss) before provisions for income taxes | \$ 977,858 | \$ 1,673,701 | \$ (7,413,750) | | \$ (4,762,191) |
| Provision for income taxes (benefit) | - | 35,322 | (35,322) | (8) | - |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ 977,858 | \$ 1,638,379 | \$ (7,449,072) | | \$ (4,832,835) |
| Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interest | \$ 167,891 | \$ - | \$ - | | \$ 167,891 |
| Net Income (Loss) attributable to Starco Brands | \$ 809,967 | \$ 1,638,379 | \$ (7,449,072) | | \$ (5,000,726) |
| Income (Loss) per share, basic | \$ 0.00 | | | | \$ (0.01) |
| Income (Loss) per share, diluted | \$ 0.00 | | | | |
| Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - Basic | 178,679,069 | | | (9) | 356,633,356 |
| Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - Diluted | 192,927,018 | | | | 356,633,356 |

See the accompanying notes to the unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

STARCO BRANDS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – ACQUISITION OF SOYLENT

On February 15, 2023 (the “Closing Date”), STCB, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Starco Merger Sub I, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Merger Sub”), completed

its acquisition of Soy lent Nutrition, Inc. (the “Acquisition”), a Delaware corporation (“Soylent”) through the merger of Merger Sub with and into Soy lent (the “Merger”) with Soy lent being the surviving corporation.

The Acquisition was completed through a cash and stock deal, where the Company paid \$200,000 in cash as reimbursement of Soy lent’s closing expenses and the Company’s shares were issued at \$0.15 per share, which amount is equal to the fair value of the stock on the acquisition date. As consideration for the Acquisition, the Company reserved an (a) aggregate of up to 165,336,430 restricted shares of Class A common stock to Soy lent shareholders, (b) 12,617,857 restricted shares of Class A common to satisfy existing Soy lent obligations (c) up to 18,571,429 additional restricted shares of Class A common stock based on final determination of calculations of Soy lent’s working capital, cash at closing, indebtedness at closing and certain unpaid transaction expenses in excess of the amount reimbursed by Starco, and (d) an adjustment to the shares of Class A common stock received by the Company Holders (as defined in the Merger Agreement) in the event that the trading price for STCB’s Class A common stock price per share on the first anniversary of the Closing Date (the “Adjustment Date”) is below \$0.35 per share of Class A common stock. If, on the Adjustment Date, STCB’s Class A common stock is trading below \$0.35 per share of Class A common stock, STCB shall issue additional shares of Class A common stock based on the Closing Merger Consideration (as defined in the Merger Agreement) after adjustments divided by the trading price (which must be below \$0.35 per share for any additional shares to be issued) minus the total share issuance after adjustments. The fair value rights of these shares were estimated by a third-party valuation firm to be \$0.189 per share on the acquisition date or an approximate share adjustment value of \$37,143,360.

The Company accounted for this transaction in accordance with the acquisition method of accounting. Assets and liabilities of the acquired business were included in the Company’s unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2023, based on the estimated fair value on the date of Acquisition as determined in a purchase price allocation using available information and making assumptions management believes are reasonable.

Per ASC Topic 805, “Business Combinations” (“ASC 805”), the measurement period is the period after the Acquisition date during which the acquiror may adjust the provisional amounts recognized for a business combination. The measurement period shall not exceed one year from the acquisition date. The Company has identified the acquisition date as February 15, 2023. Subsequent to the issuance of these pro forma financial statements, the Company expects to obtain a third-party valuation on the fair value of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed for use in the purchase price allocation.

The following table shows the preliminary allocation of the purchase price for the Company to the acquired identifiable assets, liabilities assumed and goodwill as of February 14, 2023.

| | | |
|----------------------------|----|------------|
| Consideration ¹ | \$ | 66,339,812 |
| Assets acquired: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | 189,071 |
| Accounts receivable | | 5,617,270 |
| Prepaid and other assets | | 1,045,431 |
| Inventory | | 12,314,328 |
| PP&E | | 8,568 |
| Intangibles | | 24,600,000 |
| Total assets acquired | | 43,774,667 |
| Liabilities assumed: | | |
| Accounts payable | | 6,561,069 |
| Accrued liabilities | | 699,364 |
| Note payable | | 4,800,000 |
| Total liabilities assumed | | 12,060,434 |
| Net assets acquired | | 31,714,233 |
| Goodwill | \$ | 36,625,579 |

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements have been compiled in a manner consistent with the accounting policies adopted by the Company. The accounting policies of Soy lent were not deemed to be materially different to those adopted by the Company. See the Company’s audited financial statements as of December 31, 2022.

NOTE 3 – ACQUISITION-RELATED COSTS

In conjunction with the Acquisition, the Company incurred acquisition-related charges, related primarily to investment banking, legal, accounting and other professional services which are expensed as incurred.

NOTE 4 – PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS

The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements are based upon the historical financial statements of the Company and Soy lent and certain adjustments which the Company believes are reasonable to give effect to the Acquisition. These adjustments are based upon currently available information and certain assumptions, and therefore the actual impacts will likely differ from the pro forma adjustments.

The adjustments made in preparing the unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements are as follows:

- (1) Reflects the estimated amount of goodwill purchased as part of the acquisition and the elimination of Soy lent’s equity.
- (2) Reflects the fair value of the 177,954,287 shares of common stock issued to the sellers of Soy lent.
- (3) Reflects the fair value of the equity held back to be paid to Soy lent following the 18-month indemnification period.
- (4) Reflects the estimated fair value of intangible assets purchased as part of the acquisition. Tradenames and customer relationships have an estimated fair value estimate of \$19,900,000 and \$4,700,000, respectively.
- (5) Reflects the fair value rights of the shares issued as estimated by management with the assistance of a third-party valuation firm, with a valuation price per share of \$0.18 on the acquisition date.
- (6) Reflects a line of credit taken out by Soy lent in conjunction with the transaction in order to cover transaction expenses.
- (7) Reflects the expenses incurred, related to the Acquisition, primarily from bankers, lawyers and accountants that were not recognized in the company’s historical financial statements as of December 31, 2022.
- (8) Reflects a decrease in income taxes due to the costs incurred resulting from the Acquisition
- (9) Represents the 177,954,287 shares of common stock issued as part of the Soy lent acquisition.

(10) Represents amortization of acquired intangible assets. Tradenames are amortized over a period of 16 years. Customer relationships are amortized over a period of 10 years.

¹Consideration consists of the following: \$200,000 cash paid for Soy lent's transaction closing costs at the acquisition date, \$26,693,143 of shares transferred to sellers at the acquisition date, \$2,785,714 of equity holdback to be paid to sellers at the end of the indemnity period, an estimated \$37,143,360 of stock payable liability to be paid as part of the \$0.35 per share adjustment on the Adjustment Date and a \$1,517,595 working capital adjustment.
