# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 10-K

[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 OR

[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 Commission file number: 0-54892

# **STARCO BRANDS, INC**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Nevada</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 27-1781753 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

250 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Santa Monica, CA (Address of principal executive offices)

90402 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (818) 260-9370

# Insynergy Products, Inc.

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered under Section 12(g) of the Act: Common Stock

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

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

•	8 ()	required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [X]
•	E	ically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T ch shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes [X] No []
•	2	iler, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth differ," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange
	Large accelerated filer [ ] Non-accelerated filer [ ]	Accelerated filer [ ] Smaller reporting company [X] Emerging growth company [ ]
If an emerging gro	with company, indicate by check mark if the registr	rant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial

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

The aggregate market value of the 46,193,294 shares of voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the closing price (\$2.90) at which the common equity was last sold as of the last business day of its most recently completed second fiscal quarter (June 29, 2018) was approximately \$133,960,553.

At March 28, 2018, there were 159,090,914 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. [ ]

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#### Item 1. BUSINESS

#### **Our Business**

Starco Brands, Inc. (formerly Insynergy Products, Inc.) (the "Company") was incorporated in the State of Nevada on January 26, 2010. On September 7, 2017 the Company filed an Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to change the corporate name to Starco Brands, Inc. The Board determined the change of the Company's name was in the best interests of the Company due to changes in our current and anticipated business operations. In July 2017 the Company entered into a licensing agreement with The Starco Group, located in Los Angeles, California. The companies pivoted to commercializing novel consumer products manufactured by The Starco Group. The Starco Group is predominantly an aerosol and liquid fill private label manufacturer which manufactures DIY/Hardware, paints, coatings and adhesives, household, hair care, disinfectants, automotive, motorcycle, arts & crafts, personal care cosmetics, personal care FDA, sun care, food, cooking oils, beverage and spirits and wine.

#### Forward Looking Statements

Certain matters discussed herein are forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements contained in this Form 10-K involve risks and uncertainties, including statements as to:

- our future operating results:
- our business prospects;
- ·our contractual arrangements and relationships with third parties;
- the dependence of our future success on the general economy;
- ·our possible future financings; and
- the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital.

These forward-looking statements can generally be identified as such because the context of the statement will include words such as we "believe," "anticipate," "expect," "estimate" or words of similar meaning. Similarly, statements that describe our future plans, objectives or goals are also forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties which are described in close proximity to such statements and which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Shareholders, potential investors and other readers are urged to consider these factors in evaluating the forward-looking statements and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements included herein are only made as of the date of this Form 10-K, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

#### **Executive Overview**

In July 2017, our Board of Directors entered into a licensing agreement with The Starco Group, located in Los Angeles, California, to pursue a new strategic marketing plan involving commercializing leading edge products with the intent to sell them through brick and mortar retailers as well as through online retailers. Management believes the Company will realize modest earnings from royalties in the short term with a stronger positive outlook over the next 24 months.

Starco Brands, Inc. is a company whose mission is to create behavior-changing products and brands. Our core competency is inventing brands, marketing, building trends, pushing awareness and social marketing. The licensing agreement with The Starco Group provided Starco Brands with exclusive royalty-free rights to a body of products in the following categories: food, household cleaning, air care, spirits and personal care. The Starco Group is predominantly an aerosol and liquid fill private label manufacturer with manufacturing assets in the following verticals: DIY/Hardware, paints, coatings and adhesives, household, air care, disinfectants, automotive, motorcycle, arts & crafts, personal care cosmetics, personal care FDA, sun care, food, cooking oils, beverage, spirits and wine.

The current CEO of The Starco Group, Ross Sklar, was named the CEO of Starco Brands in August of 2017. Mr. Sklar has a long track record of commercializing technology in industrial and consumer markets. Mr. Sklar has built teams of manufacturing personnel, R&D and sales and marketing professionals over the last 20 years and has grown The Starco Group into a successful and diversified manufacturer supplying a wide range of products to some of the largest retailers in the United States.

The Company has conducted extensive research and has identified specific channels to penetrate with its new portfolio of novel technologies. The Company has begun to execute this vision and has launched the first product line called 'Breathe TM', through our manufacturing partner, The Starco Group. The Company has applied for a registered trademark for Breathe with the United States Patent and Trade Office. Breathe is an environmentally-friendly line of household cleaning aerosol products. It is the world's first aerosol household cleaning line to be approved by the EPA's Safer Choice program. This product line is biodegradable and is propelled by nitrogen, which makes up approximately 80% of the earth's breathable air. Breathe was named Partner of the Year by the EPA's Safer Choice Program for 2018, a tremendous honor.

The Breathe line is currently on shelves in all Wegmans stores, almost 1,000 Walmart stores, almost 300 stores serviced through UNFI and is currently shipping its first load in to all Menards and all Home Depots. The Company executed a deal with Centeral Garden Excel ("Central"), one of the largest distributors to the DIY/Hardware retail channel. Central will be handling all of the Company's distribution to Home Depot and are currently presenting to others that are considered to be competitive players to Home Depot. The Company has also begun to implement its online sales strategy and Breathe is now available on Amazon. Breathe is currently being presented to a few other national retailers in the United States and the prospects of landing more is strong.

The Company also launched their first product in personal care, Honu Sunscreen was launched in 1,700 Walmart stores in 2018 with increased sales expected in 2019. Honu is a reef friendly and family safe SPF 50 with 80 minutes of water resistance that comes with a patented spray wand to spray all your hard to reach spots. The Spray Wand is patented and owned by a third party. Honu is a sun screen spray that management anticipates will lead the Company to offering other personal care items under this brand. Honu won Product of Year for skin care, which is the largest consumer voted award for product innovation. Product of the Year is voted on by 40,000 consumers. <a href="https://www.productoftheyearusa.com">www.productoftheyearusa.com</a>. The Company is expecting to extend the Honu line by 2020.

The Company also became the marketer of record for Betterbilts Kleen Out branded drain opener and for the Winona Popcorn Spray. Both products are available in all Walmart stores. The Company is being paid a royalty stream for its role. Through the Company's relationship with its marketing partner Deutsch Marketing, the Company is launching a new label in April 2019 for Winona Popcorn Spray throughout all Walmart stores.

In addition, the Company plans to launch other products in air care, food, personal care, spirits and beverages over the next 60 months. Although the initial market reception to our new lines has been encouraging, the Company may encounter a number of hurdles that could prevent this and future product launches from achieving sustained commercial success

The Company established a seed financing round in 2017 to raise capital through the issuance and sale of the Company's common stock. The Company started its seed financing on August 18, 2017 and closed it by October 25, 2017, raising a total of \$600,000. The Company has a positive outlook on receiving royalty revenues that have progressively grown since the commercialization of our first product. We may need to rely on sales of our common stock in order to raise additional capital. The purchasers and manner of issuance will be determined according to our financial needs and the available exemptions to the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933.

The Company's ultimate goal is to become a leading brand owner and third-party marketer of cutting edge technologies in the consumer marketplace whose success is expected to increase shareholder value. The Company will continue to evaluate this and other opportunities to further set its strategy for 2019 and beyond.

#### **Employees**

The Company currently has no full-time employees but uses independent contractors on an as needed basis.

#### **Additional Information**

For more information please visit our website at www.starcobrands.com.

# Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

We are a smaller reporting company as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and, as such, are not required to provide the information under this Item.

# Item 2. PROPERTIES

Our principal offices are located at 250 26th Street, Suite 200, Santa Monica, California, 90402. We also rent space at 2501 West Burbank Blvd, Suite 201, Burbank, California, 91505. In December 2015, the Company entered into a three-year lease, starting January 1, 2016, with Burbank Properties, L.P. for 1,957 square feet of office space. Current monthly lease payments are \$3,648 with yearly increases during the term of the lease. The lease also provides an option to extend the lease for an additional three years upon expiration of the current lease term. The lease may be terminated with a 10-day written notice from the landlord for violation of the lease terms. The Company considers the space to be adequate for the next several years.

# Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is not a party to any legal proceedings.

# Item 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

# PART II

# Item 5. MARKET FOR THE REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDERMATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

#### **Market Information**

Our common stock is listed to trade on the OTC Markets Group OTCQB tier under the symbol "STCB." Any o ver-the-counter market quotations reflect inter-dealer prices, without retail mark-up, mark-downs or commissions, and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

Our shares are subject to Section 15(g) and Rule 15g-9 of the Securities and Exchange Act, commonly referred to as the "penny stock" rule. The rule defines penny stock to be any equity security that has a market price less than \$5.00 per share, subject to certain exceptions. These rules may restrict the ability of broker-dealers to trade or maintain a market in our common stock and may affect the ability of shareholders to sell their shares. Broker-dealers who sell penny stocks to persons other than established customers and accredited investors must make a special suitability determination for the purchase of the security. Accredited investors, in general, include individuals with assets in excess of \$1,000,000 (not including their personal residence) or annual income exceeding \$200,000 or \$300,000 together with their spouse, and certain institutional investors. The rules require the broker-dealer to receive the purchaser's written consent to the transaction prior to the purchase and require the broker-dealer to deliver a risk disclosure document relating to the penny stock prior to the first transaction. A broker-dealer also must disclose the commissions payable to both the broker-dealer and the registered representative, and current quotations for the security. Finally, monthly statements must be sent to customers disclosing recent price information for the penny stocks.

#### Holders

As of March 25, 2019, we had 151 shareholders of record, which does not include shareholders who hold shares in "street accounts" of securities brokers.

#### Dividends

We have not paid cash or stock dividends and have no present plan to pay any dividends, intending instead to reinvest our earnings, if any. For the foreseeable future, we expect to retain any earnings to finance the operation and expansion of our business and the payment of any cash dividends on our common stock is unlikely.

#### **Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities**

None

#### Issuer Purchase of Securities

The Company did not repurchase any of its securities during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

# Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The registrant is a smaller reporting company, pursuant to Rule 229.10(f)(1), and is not required to report this information.

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

# Results of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to the year ended December 31, 2017

The following information should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this Form 10-K.

#### Revenues

For the year ended December 31, 2018 the Company recorded revenue of \$126,162 compared to \$8,185 for the year ended December 31, 2017. Revenues are from our licensing agreements with The Starco Group, Inc, for various products. The increase in the current year is due to an increase in the number of products licensed as well as an increase in the quantity sold for those products.

# Operating Expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2018, compensation expense decreased \$37,799, or 14.6% to \$220,716 compared to \$258,515 for the year ended December 31, 2017. In the current year our officers agreed to take a lower monthly salary to conserve the Company's available cash.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company incurred \$103,842 in professional fees compared to \$85,824 in the prior year, an increase of \$18,018, or 20.9%. Professional fees are mainly for accounting, auditing and legal services associated with our quarterly filings as a public company and advisory and valuation services. The increase is primarily due to an increase in audit and legal fees.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company incurred \$250,586 in general and administrative expense as compared to \$346,328 for the prior year, a decrease of \$95,742, or 27%. The decrease can be attributed to decreased spending on marking and public relations as well as an attempt to decrease other smaller administrative expenses to conserve available cash.

# Other income and expense

For the year ended December 31, 2018 we had total other income of \$38,697 compared to total other expense of \$45,921 for the year ended December 31, 2017. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company recorded interest income of \$47, other income from sub leasing its office space of \$16,500 and a gain on extinguishment of debt of \$54,122. This was offset by interest expense of \$31,972. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company recorded interest income of \$79 and other income from sub leasing its office space of \$9,000. This was offset by interest expense of \$49,035.

# Net loss

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company recorded a net loss of \$441,951 as compared to a net loss of \$728,403 in the prior year, a decrease of \$286,452.

# **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As reflected in the accompanying financial statements, the Company has an accumulated deficit of \$16,540,342 at December 31, 2018, had a net loss of \$441,951 and net cash used in operating activities of \$317,714 for year ended December 31, 2018.

We currently require cash of about \$35,000 a month for operating expenses. Operating expenses include items such as insurance, legal and other professional fees, compliance, website maintenance, and investor and public relations.

We have an outstanding loan of approximately \$300,000 from initial invested capital that requires monthly interest payments of \$2,545.

# **Critical Accounting Estimates and Policies**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Note 2 to the Financial Statements describes the significant accounting policies and methods used in the preparation of the Financial Statements. Estimates are used for, but not limited to, contingencies and taxes. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. The following critical accounting policies are impacted significantly by judgments, assumptions, and estimates used in the preparation of the Financial Statements.

We are subject to various loss contingencies arising in the ordinary course of business. We consider the likelihood of loss or impairment of an asset or the incurrence of a liability, as well as our ability to reasonably estimate the amount of loss in determining loss contingencies. An estimated loss contingency is accrued when management concludes that it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. We regularly evaluate current information available to us to determine whether such accruals should be adjusted.

We recognize deferred tax assets (future tax benefits) and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the book carrying amounts and the tax basis of assets and liabilities. The deferred tax assets and liabilities represent the expected future tax return consequences of those differences, which are expected to be either deductible or taxable when the assets and liabilities are recovered or settled. Future tax benefits have been fully offset by a 100% valuation allowance as management is unable to determine that it is more likely than not that this deferred tax asset will be realized.

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

We have not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources and would be considered material to investors.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

The Company has implemented all new accounting pronouncements that are in effect. These pronouncements did not have any material impact on the financial statements unless otherwise disclosed, and the Company does not believe that there are any other new accounting pronouncements that have been issued that might have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, of the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC). The guidance in ASC 606 was originally issued by the FASB in May 2014 in Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). Since then, the FASB has issued several ASUs that have revised or clarified the guidance in ASC 606. The Company has evaluated the impact of this accounting standard update and noted that it has had no material impact.

On June 20, 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-07, Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting. ASU 2018-07 is intended to reduce cost and complexity and to improve financial reporting for share-based payments to nonemployees (for example, service providers, external legal counsel, suppliers, etc.). Under the new standard, companies will no longer be required to value nonemployee awards differently from employee awards. Meaning that companies will value all equity classified awards at their grant-date under ASC718 and forgo revaluing the award after this date. The guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018.

In January 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2017-01, Business Combinations (Topic 805) Clarifying the Definition of a Business. The amendments in this update clarify the definition of a business with the objective of adding guidance to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions or disposals of assets or businesses. The definition of a business affects many areas of accounting including acquisitions, disposals, goodwill, and consolidation. The guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and should be applied prospectively on or after the effective date.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). ASU 2016-02 requires lessees to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and requires expanded disclosures about leasing arrangements. ASU 2016-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018 and interim periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. The Company has evaluated the impact of this accounting standard update and noted that it has had no material impact.

#### Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Not applicable to smaller reporting companies.

# 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 Starco Brands, Inc.

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Starco Brands, Inc., (the Company) as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of operations, stockholders' deficit, and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2018, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

# Consideration of the Company's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As more fully described in Note 3 to the financial statements, the Company has recurring losses, negative working capital and negative cash flows from operations. These factors raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans in regard to these matters are also described in Note 3 to the financial statements. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. If the Company is unable to obtain financing, there could be a material adverse effect on the Company.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ Haynie & Company Salt Lake City, Utah April 1, 2019 We have served as the Company's auditor since 2016.

# STARCO BRANDS, INC. BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31, 2018		December 31, 2017	
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Current Assets:				
Cash	\$	721	\$	314,181
Accounts receivable, related party		17,504		4,692
Prepaid and other assets		25,974		43,218
Total Current Assets		44,199		362,091
Deposit		3,500		3,500
Total Assets	\$	47,699	\$	365,591
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT				
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	171,954	\$	194,462
Other payables and accruals		280,914		276,149
Accrued compensation		45,850		30,050
Loans payable – related party		373,346		362,664
Notes payable		26,731		33,158
Total Current Liabilities		898,795		896,483
Total Liabilities		898,795		896,483
Stockholders' Deficit:				
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 300,000,000 shares				
authorized, 159,090,914 and 2,417,569 shares issued				
and outstanding, respectively		159,091		2,418
Additional paid in capital		15,530,155		14,965,081
Common stock to be issued		-		600,000
Accumulated deficit		(16,540,342)		(16,098,391)
Total Stockholders' Deficit		(851,096)		(530,892)
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Deficit	\$	47,699	\$	365,591

 ${\it The\ accompanying\ notes\ are\ an\ integral\ part\ of\ these\ financial\ statements}$ 

# STARCO BRANDS, INC. STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the Years Ended December 31,

2018		2017
\$ 126,162	\$	8,185
220,716		258,515
31,666		-
103,842		85,824
250,586		346,328
606,810		690,667
(480,648)		(682,482)
(31,972)		(49,035)
47		79
16,500		9,000
54,122		-
38,697		(45,921)
\$ (441,951)	\$	(728,403)
\$ (0.00)	\$	(0.47)
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# STARCO BRANDS, INC. STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid in	Common Stock to be	Accumulated	
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Issued	Deficit	Total
Balance, December 31, 2016	920,185	\$ 920	\$ 14,580,151	\$ -	\$ (15,369,988) \$	(788,917)
Forgiveness of accrued officer compensation	-	-	90,020	-	-	90,020
Additional shares issued for prior debt conversion	288,600	289	259,451	-	-	259,740
Warrants issued	-	-	5,468	-	-	5,468
Shares issued for cancellation of warrants	1,208,784	1,209	(1,209)	-	-	_
Shares sold for cash	-	-	-	600,000	-	600,000
Contributed services	-	-	31,200	-	-	31,200
Net Loss for the year ended December 31, 2017	-	_	-	-	(728,403)	(728,403)
Balance, December 31, 2017	2,417,569	2,418	14,965,081	600,000	(16,098,391)	(530,892)
Shares issued for service	30,300,000	30,300	(22,119)	-	-	8,181
Shares issued to officer and directors for services	117,282,442	117,282	(85,616)	-	_	31,666
Shares issued for stock payable	9,090,903	9,091	590,909	(600,000)	-	_
Contributed services	-	-	81,900	-	-	81,900
Net Loss for the year ended December 31, 2018	-	-	-	-	(441,951)	(441,951)
Balance, December 31, 2018	159,090,914	\$ <u>159,091</u>	15,530,155	\$	\$(16,540,342) \$	(851,096)

 $\label{thm:companying} \textit{The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements}.$ 

# STARCO BRANDS, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended December 31,

		2018	2017
Cash Flow Activity from Operating Activities:			
Net Loss for the Year	\$	(441,951)	\$ (728,403)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash			
used in operating activities:			
Stock based compensation		8,181	5,468
Stock based compensation - related party		31,666	-
Contributed services		81,900	31,200
Gain on extinguishment of debt		(54,122)	(253,774)
Additional shares issued for prior debt conversion		-	259,739
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:			
Accounts receivable - related party		(12,812)	(4,692)
Prepaids & other assets		17,245	(36,617)
Accounts payable		28,767	9,449
Accrued expenses		23,412	120,655
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities		(317,714)	(596,975)
Cash Flow Activity from Financing Activities:			
Advances – related parties		2,000	283,649
Repayment of officer advance		(2,000)	(5,651)
Proceeds from the sale of common stock		-	600,000
Proceeds from notes payable		50,382	81,270
Payments on notes payable		(46,128)	(48,112)
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities		4,254	911,156
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash		(313,460)	314,181
Cash at Beginning of Year		314,181	-
Cash at End of Year	\$	721	\$ 314,181
Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest	\$		\$
Income taxes	\$	<u>-</u>	\$ 
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash activities:			
Forgiveness of accrued salary	\$	-	\$ 90,020
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# STARCO BRANDS, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2018

# NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Starco Brands, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated in the State of Nevada on January 26, 2010, to engage in Direct Response marketing of consumer products with the goal of producing sales through television and/or retail. On September 7, 2017 the Company filed an Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to change the corporate name to Starco Brands, Inc. The Board determined the change of the Company's name was in the best interests of the Company due to changes in our current and anticipated business operations. In July 2017 the Company entered into a licensing agreement with The Starco Group, located in Los Angeles, California. The Companies pivoted to commercializing novel consumer products manufactured by The Starco Group. The Starco Group is predominantly an aerosol and liquid fill private label manufacturer which manufactures DIY/Hardware, paints, coatings and adhesives, household, hair care, disinfectants, automotive, motorcycle, arts & crafts, personal care cosmetics, personal care FDA, sun care, food, cooking oils, beverage and spirits and wine.

#### 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 ("U.S. GAAP").

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates include the estimated useful lives of property and equipment. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Concentrations of Credit Risk

We maintain our cash in bank deposit accounts, the balances of which at times may exceed federally insured limits. We continually monitor our banking relationships and consequently have not experienced any losses in our accounts. We believe we are not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

#### Cash equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. There were no cash equivalents for the year ended December 31, 2018 or 2017.

#### Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period financial information to conform to the presentation used in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. Net income was not affected by these reclassifications.

#### Accounts Receivable

Revenues that have been recognized but not yet received are recorded as accounts receivable. Losses on receivables will be recognized when it is more likely than not that a receivable will not be collected. An allowance for estimated uncollectible amounts will be recognized to reduce the amount of receivables to its net realizable value. The allowance for uncollectible amounts is evaluated quarterly.

# Fair value of financial instruments

The Company follows paragraph 825-10-50-10 of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification for disclosures about fair value of its financial instruments and paragraph 820-10-35-37 of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("Paragraph 820-10-35-37") to measure the fair value of its financial instruments. Paragraph 820-10-35-37 establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. To increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements and related disclosures, Paragraph 820-10-35-37 establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three (3) broad levels. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The three (3) levels of fair value hierarchy defined by Paragraph 820-10-35-37 are described below:

- Level 1: Quoted market prices available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date.
- Level 2: Pricing inputs other than quoted prices in active markets included in Level 1, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date.
- Level 3: Pricing inputs that are generally unobservable inputs and not corroborated by market data.

The carrying amount of the Company's financial assets and liabilities, such as cash, prepaid expenses and accrued expenses approximate their fair value because of the short maturity of those instruments. The Company's notes payable approximates the fair value of such instruments based upon management's best estimate of interest rates that would be available to the Company for similar financial arrangements at December 31, 2018.

#### Property and equipment

Property and equipment are carried at the lower of cost or net realizable value. All Property and equipment with a cost of \$2,000 or greater are capitalized. Major betterments that extend the useful lives of assets are also capitalized. Normal maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. When assets are sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is recognized in operations.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of three years.

# Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized when a customer obtains control of promised goods or services and is recognized in an amount that reflects the consideration that an entity expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. In addition, the standard requires disclosure of the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The amount of revenue that is recorded reflects the consideration that the Company expects to receive in exchange for those goods. The Company applies the following five-step model in order to determine this amount: (i) identification of the promised goods in the contract; (ii) determination of whether the promised goods are performance obligations, including whether they are distinct in the context of the contract; (iii) measurement of the transaction price, including the constraint on variable consideration; (iv) allocation of the transaction price to the performance obligations; and (v) recognition of revenue when (or as) the Company satisfies each performance obligation.

The Company only applies the five-step model to contracts when it is probable that the entity will collect the consideration it is entitled to in exchange for the goods or services it transfers to the customer. Once a contract is determined to be within the scope of ASC 606 at contract inception, the Company reviews the contract to determine which performance obligations the Company must deliver and which of these performance obligations are distinct. The Company recognizes as revenues the amount of the transaction price that is allocated to the respective performance obligation when the performance obligation is satisfied or as it is satisfied. Generally, the Company's performance obligations are transferred to customers at a point in time, typically upon delivery.

#### Income taxes

The Company follows Section 740-10-30 of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, which requires recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are based on the differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the fiscal year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance to the extent management concludes it is more likely than not that the assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the fiscal years in which those 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 the Statements of Income in the period that includes the enactment date.

The Company adopted section 740-10-25 of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("Section 740-10-25") with regards to uncertainty income taxes. Section 740-10-25 addresses the determination of whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. Under Section 740-10-25, the Company may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position should be measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than fifty percent (50%) likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. Section 740-10-25 also provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties on income taxes, accounting in interim periods and requires increased disclosures. The Company had no material adjustments to its liabilities for unrecognized income tax benefits according to the provisions of Section 740-10-25.

#### Stock-based Compensation

We account for equity-based transactions with nonemployees under the provisions of ASC Topic No. 505-50, *Equity-Based Payments to Non-Employees* ("ASC 505-50"). ASC 505-50 establishes that equity-based payment transactions with nonemployees shall be measured at the fair value of the consideration received or the fair value of the equity instruments issued, whichever is more reliably measurable. The fair value of common stock issued for payments to nonemployees is measured at the market price on the date of grant. The fair value of equity instruments, other than common stock, is estimated using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. In general, we recognize the fair value of the equity instruments issued as deferred stock compensation and amortize the cost over the term of the contract.

We account for employee stock-based compensation in accordance with the guidance of FASB ASC Topic 718, Compensation—Stock Compensation, which requires all share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, to be recognized in the financial statements based on their fair values. The fair value of the equity instrument is charged directly to compensation expense and credited to additional paid-in capital over the period during which services are rendered.

# Net income (loss) per common share

Net income (loss) per common share is computed pursuant to section 260-10-45 of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification. Basic net income (loss) per common share is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted net income (loss) per common share is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares of common stock and potentially outstanding shares of common stock during the period. The weighted average number of common shares outstanding and potentially outstanding common shares assumes that the Company incorporated as of the beginning of the first period presented.

The Company's diluted loss per share is the same as the basic loss per share for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, as the inclusion of any potential shares would have had an anti-dilutive effect due to the Company generating a loss.

#### Recently issued accounting pronouncements

Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, of the Financial Accounting Standards Board's (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC). The guidance in ASC 606 was originally issued by the FASB in May 2014 in Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). Since then, the FASB has issued several ASUs that have revised or clarified the guidance in ASC 606. The Company has evaluated the impact of this accounting standard update and noted that it has had no material impact.

On June 20, 2018, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-07, Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting. ASU 2018-07 is intended to reduce cost and complexity and to improve financial reporting for share-based payments to nonemployees (for example, service providers, external legal counsel, suppliers, etc.). Under the new standard, companies will no longer be required to value nonemployee awards differently from employee awards. Meaning that companies will value all equity classified awards at their grant-date under ASC718 and forgo revaluing the award after this date. The guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018.

In January 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2017-01, *Business Combinations (Topic 805)* Clarifying the Definition of a Business. The amendments in this update clarify the definition of a business with the objective of adding guidance to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions or disposals of assets or businesses. The definition of a business affects many areas of accounting including acquisitions, disposals, goodwill, and consolidation. The guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and should be applied prospectively on or after the effective date. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact of this accounting standard update.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). ASU 2016-02 requires lessees to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and requires expanded disclosures about leasing arrangements. ASU 2016-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018 and interim periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. The Company has evaluated the impact of this accounting standard update and noted that it has had no material impact.

The Company has implemented all new accounting pronouncements that are in effect. These pronouncements did not have any material impact on the financial statements unless otherwise disclosed, and the Company does not believe that there are any other new accounting pronouncements that have been issued that might have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

# NOTE 3 - GOING CONCERN

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. The Company has an accumulated deficit of \$16,540,342 at December 31, 2018, had a net loss of \$441,951 and net cash used in operating activities of \$317,714 for the year ended December 31, 2018. The Company's ability to raise additional capital through the future issuances of common stock and/or debt financing is unknown. The obtainment of additional financing, the successful development of the Company's contemplated plan of operations, and its transition, ultimately, to the attainment of profitable operations are necessary for the Company to continue operations. These conditions and the ability to successfully resolve these factors raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements of the Company do not include any adjustments that may result from the outcome of these aforementioned uncertainties.

# NOTE 4 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture fixtures and equipment, stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation at December 31 consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Equipment	\$ 16,574	\$ 16,574
Furniture	16,701	16,701
Computers & Hardware	5,187	5,187
Less: accumulated depreciation	(38,462)	(38,462)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 	\$ -

During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company determined that it would no longer be using certain equipment that had been capitalized at \$20,702. Accordingly, the Company has determined that carrying amount of such asset is not recoverable and has written it down to \$0. There was no loss on the disposal as the assets had already been fully depreciated.

#### Depreciation expense

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$0 and \$0, respectively.

# NOTE 5 – ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A portion of the Company's accounts payable is the result of chargebacks for product that was not sold by a former customer. The Company also has other payables that are several years old for which management is in discussion with the vendors to settle those liabilities for a lesser amount.

	Decer	mber 31, 2018	Decer	mber 31, 2017
Chargeback	\$	3,075	\$	3,075
Aged payables		45,023		99,145
Other vendor payables		123,856		92,242
	\$	171,954	\$	194,462

# NOTE 6 - NOTES PAYABLE

The Company had two financing loans for its Director and Officer Insurance, both of which expired in the third quarter of 2018 and were replaced with a new single loan. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017 the loan(s) had a balance of \$23,431 and \$33,158, respectively. The new loan bears interest at 6.97% and is due within one year.

During the fourth quarter of 2018 a third party loaned the Company \$3,300 to pay for general operating expenses. The loan is unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

#### NOTE 7 – COMMITMENTS & CONTIGENCIES

#### **Operating Lease**

The Company currently occupies office space in Burbank, California. The Company signed a three-year lease starting January 1, 2016. Current monthly lease payments are \$3,648 with yearly increases. The lease required a deposit of \$3,500 which was paid on December 10, 2015. As of December 31, 2018, the Company has accrued rent due of \$17,669.

# **Investment Agreement**

On July 9, 2014, the Board of Directors approved an investment arrangement with an individual. Per the terms of the agreement, the investor transferred \$150,000 to the Company for which he was entitled to the following: \$1 per unit sold of a fitness product through all retail outlets including online and retail shopping shows until the investment was paid back in full. Once the original investment was recouped the investor shall then receive a 2% royalty in perpetuity on all future retail sales of the fitness product. The investment remains with the Company and is disclosed as an accrued liability on the balance sheet. Since the product for which the investment was intended was never produced this agreement is being renegotiated.

# NOTE 8 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended December 31, 2017, Sanford Lang, the Company's Chairman and former CEO, advanced the Company \$289,821 to pay for general operating expenses. The advances are uncollateralized, require a monthly interest payment of \$2,545 and due on demand.

On February 26, 2018, the Board approved the issuance of 117,282,442 shares of common stock to its officers and directors for services rendered at a price per share of \$0.00027 for total non-cash expense of \$31,666.

As of December 31, 2018, the Company owed The Starco Group, Inc, ("TSG") \$72,843 for expenses paid by The Starco Group on behalf of the Company for expenses to launch licensed brands. Once royalties exceed \$250,000 in the aggregate, TSG will deduct the incurred expenses from the subsequent royalty payments until TSG is paid in full.

As of December 31, 2018, the Company owed TSG \$10,682 for advances to the Company used to pay certain payables. The advances are unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company recognized \$126,162 of royalty revenue and had a \$17,504 receivable from The Starco Group.

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company's Chairman advanced the Company \$2,000 to pay for an operating expense. The \$2,000 was repaid as of December 31, 2018.

# NOTE 9 – STOCK WARRANTS

A summary of the status of the Company's outstanding stock warrants and changes during the periods is presented below:

	Shares available to purchase with warrants	Ave	ghted erage rice	Ave	ghted erage Value
Outstanding, December 31, 2016	1,700,000	\$	6.90	\$	0.186
Issued	2,000,000	\$	1.05	\$	5
Exercised	-	\$	-	\$	-
Cancelled	(1,166,667)	\$	6.90	\$	-
Expired	(533,333)	\$	6.90	\$	-
Outstanding, December 31, 2017	2,000,000	\$	1.05	\$	5
Issued	-	\$	-	\$	-
Exercised	-	\$	-	\$	-
Cancelled	-	\$	-	\$	-
Expired	-	\$	-	\$	-
Outstanding, December 31, 2018	2,000,000	\$		\$	4
Exercisable, December 31, 2018		\$	<u>-</u>	\$	-

# NOTE 10 - STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

On April 4, 2017, the Company received \$250,000 from two of its investors for the purchase of 3,787,879 shares of common stock at \$0.066 per share.

On August 18, 2017, the Company received \$150,000 from an investor for the purchase of 2,272,727 shares of common stock at \$0.066 per share.

On August 25, 2017, the Company authorized the issuance of 1,208,784 shares of common stock to our CEO, Ross Sklar, in consideration for his forfeiture of warrants to purchase 1,116,667 shares of the Company's common stock. This transaction was originally accounted for under ASC 718-20-35-8. The Company accounted for the stock issuance based on the incremental cost of the fair value over the fair value of the cancelled warrants on the date of cancellation. The aggregate fair value of the warrants cancelled totaled \$855,814 based on the Black Scholes Merton pricing model using the following estimates: exercise price of \$0.23, 2.00% risk free rate, 31.91% volatility and expected life of the options of 8.06 years. The fair value of the shares issued was \$4,351,624 based on the closing price of the stock of \$0.12 on August 25, 2017, resulting in a net increase in fair value of \$3,495,810 as of September 30, 2017. The Company subsequently obtained a valuation of the stock price on August 25, 2017 from a third-party valuation firm. The valuation determined that the value of the stock was \$0. The Company reversed the accounting on the original entry during the fourth quarter of 2017 so that no additional expense was recognized on the shares issued.

In October 2017, the Company received \$200,000 from investors for the purchase of 3,030,303 shares of common stock at \$0.066 per share.

On February 26, 2018, the Board of Directors of Starco Brands, Inc. approved the issuance of an aggregate of 30,300,000 post-reverse shares of common stock to 16 third parties in consideration for services valued at \$8,181.

On April 3, 2018, the Board approved warrants, previously issued in 2017, to purchase 2,000,000 shares of common stock pursuant to the terms of the settlement and general release agreement with Carwash, LLC (Note 9).

In April 2018, the Company issued 9,090,903 shares of common stock to four investors for the \$600,000 previously received and credited to common stock to be issued.

Refer to Note 8 for related party equity transactions.

# NOTE 11 – INCOME TAX

Deferred taxes are provided on a liability method whereby deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and operating loss and tax credit carry forwards and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The Company has evaluated Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118 regarding the impact of the decreased tax rates of the Tax Cuts & Jobs Act. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment. The U.S. federal income tax rate of 26% is being used due to the new tax law recently enacted.

Net deferred tax assets consist of the following components as of December 31:

	2018	_	2017
Deferred Tax Assets:			
NOL Carryover	\$ 1,282,700	\$	1,212,100
Related party accrual	75,400		75,400
Payroll accrual	11,900		7,800
Deferred tax liabilities:			
Depreciation	-		(3,300)
Less valuation allowance	(1,370,000)		(1,292,000)
Net deferred tax assets	\$ -	\$	-

The income tax provision differs from the amount of income tax determined by applying the U.S. federal income tax rate to pretax income from continuing operations for the period ended December 31, due to the following:

	2018	2017
Book loss	\$ (114,900)	\$ (189,400)
Meals and entertainment	1,000	1,400
Depreciation	-	(1,100)
Other nondeductible expenses	39,300	44,600
Related party accruals	-	75,000
Accrued payroll	58,900	58,900
Valuation allowance	15,700	10,600
	\$ -	\$ -

At December 31, 2018, the Company had net operating loss carry forwards of approximately \$4,933,000 that may be offset against future taxable income from the year 2019 to 2038. No tax benefit has been reported in the December 31, 2018 financial statements since the potential tax benefit is offset by a valuation allowance of the same amount.

Due to the change in ownership provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, net operating loss carry forwards for Federal Income tax reporting purposes are subject to annual limitations. Should a change in ownership occur, net operating loss carry forwards may be limited as to use in future years. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2012.

# NOTE 12 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events pursuant to the requirements of ASC Topic 855, from the balance sheet date through the date the financial statement were issued, and has determined that no material subsequent events exist.

#### Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING ANDFINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None

#### Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

# **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. The disclosure controls and procedures ensure that all information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is: (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rule and forms; and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of December 31, 2018, these disclosure controls and procedures were not effective.

#### Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible to establish and maintain adequate internal control over financial reporting. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are responsible to design or supervise a process that provides reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The policies and procedures include:

- maintenance of records in reasonable detail to accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of assets,
- reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors, and
- reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of assets that could have a material effect on our financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their control objectives.

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the end of the period December 31, 2018. In making this assessment, our management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in Internal Control – Integrated Framework. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the end of the fiscal year December 31, 2018, our internal control over financial reporting were not effective at that reasonable assurance level. The following aspects of the Company were noted as potential material weaknesses:

- · lack of an audit committee
- · lack of corporate documentation

# **Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting**

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

# **Attestation Report of Independent Public Accounting Firm**

This annual report does not include an attestation report of our registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting because as a smaller reporting company we are not subject to attestation by our independent registered public accounting firm pursuant to rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission that permit us to provide only management's report in this annual report.

# Item 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

# PART III

# Item 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### **Directors and Executive Officers**

The following table sets forth the names and ages of our current directors and named executive officers. Our bylaws require at least four directors to serve until the earlier occurrence of the election of his or her successor at the next meeting of stockholders, death, resignation or removal by the Board of Directors. Our executive officers are appointed by our board of directors and serve at its discretion. There are no family relationships among our directors, executive officers, director nominees.

Name	Age	Position	Term of Director
Ross Sklar	43	President, CEO and Director	August 2015 until next annual meeting
Sanford Lang	73	Chairman of the Board	January 2010 until next annual meeting
Martin Goldrod	77	Director	January 2010 until next annual meeting
Rachel Boulds	49	Chief Financial Officer	

Ross Sklar was appointed to fill a vacancy on our Board on August 13, 2015. Mr. Sklar is the founder and current Chief Executive Officer of The Starco Group, located in Los Angeles, California. On August 9, 2017 Mr. Sklar was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Starco Brands. He started The Starco Group in January 2010. The Starco Group is a diversified aerosol and liquid fill producer of private label and branded industrial and consumer products that manufactures for almost every consumer category. For over 15 years Mr. Sklar has developed technology in industrial and consumer markets. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Manitoba.

Sanford Lang was a co-founder of Insynergy Products, Inc., now Starco Brands, and has served as its Chief Executive Officer from January 2010 when the Company was incorporated, to August 9, 2017; and as Chairman of its Board of Directors from January 2010 to the present. From January 2007 to October 2009, Mr. Lang was President of Xstatic Corporation, a company involved in the development, marketing and sale of retail products designed to improve strength, balance and flexibility. Mr. Lang was responsible for planning and implementation of all marketing for products, including the scripting and shooting of video campaigns for the Products. Mr. Lang also has approximately 30 years' experience as an executive in the movie industry.

Martin Goldrod is a co-founder of Insynergy Products, Inc., now Starco Brands, and served as its President and Chief Operating Officer, as well as on the Board of Directors, from January 2010 when the Company was incorporated, until late 2017. From January 2010 until March 2015 he served as the Company's Chief Financial Officer. From January 2007 to October 2009, Mr. Goldrod was Vice President of Xstatic Corporation, a company involved in the development, marketing and sale of retail products designed to improve strength, balance and flexibility. Mr. Goldrod was responsible for accounting and budgeting for Xstatic Corporation. Mr. Goldrod has an Associate of Arts degree from City College of San Francisco along with a certificate in Financial Planning from UCLA Extension. For approximately 30 years Mr. Goldrod was an executive in the music industry.

Rachel Boulds was appointed as Chief Financial Officer of the Company on March 6, 2015. She has been a Certified Public Accountant since September 2005. Since July 2009 to the present she has been the independent owner-operator of a Utah Professional Limited Liability Company that provides accounting services to companies. Her firm provides contract Chief Financial Officer, controllership, financial reporting, audit consulting, bookkeeping, and business operation consulting services to various public and private companies. Typical services include preparation of period-end financial statements, footnotes and Management Discussion and Analysis in conformity with US GAAP and SEC reporting rules, as well as consultation on complex accounting matters and working closely with client staff, auditors and legal counsel to prepare, review and file periodic public financial information, including Forms 10-K and 10-Q.

#### **Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings**

None of our officer nor directors, promoters or control persons have been involved in the past ten years in any of the following:

- Any bankruptcy petition filed by or against any business of which such person was a general partner or executive
  officer either at the time of the bankruptcy or within two years prior to that time;
- (2) Any conviction in a criminal proceeding or being subject to a pending criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses);
- (3) Being subject to any order, judgment or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, or any court of competent jurisdiction, permanently or temporarily enjoining, barring, suspending or otherwise limiting his involvement in any type of business, securities or banking activities; or
- (4) Being found by a court of competent jurisdiction (in a civil action), the Commission or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to have violated a federal or state securities or commodities law, and the judgment has not been reversed, suspended, or vacated.

# Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires our directors, executive officers and persons who own more than ten percent of our common stock, to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of common stock. Officers, directors and ten-percent or greater beneficial owners are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) reports they file. Based upon a review of those forms and representations regarding the need for filing for the year ended December 31, 2018, we believe all necessary forms have been filed.

#### **Corporate Governance**

We do not have a standing nominating committee for directors, nor do we have an audit committee with an audit committee financial expert serving on that committee. Our entire board of directors, including Messrs. Sanford, Goldrod and Sklar, act as our nominating and audit committee.

#### **Code of Ethics**

The Company has not adopted a Code of Ethics.

# Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table provides information as to cash compensation of all executive officers of the Company, for each of the Company's last two fiscal years.

# SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and principal position	Year	Salary (\$)(1)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Ross Sklar,	2018	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 26,239	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 0
CEO	2017	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 0
Sanford Lang, Former CEO	2018 2017	\$ 71,400 \$ 85,000	\$ 0 \$ 0	\$ 4,860 \$ 0		\$ 0 \$ 0	\$ 0 \$ 0	* *	\$ 76,260 \$ 85,000
Martin Goldrod, COO	2018 2017	\$ 22,900 \$ 15,880	\$ 0 \$ 0	\$ 540 \$ 0		\$ 0 \$ 0	\$ 0 \$0		\$ 23,440 \$ 15,880
Rachel Boulds, CFO	2018 2017	\$ 9,500 \$ 8,200	\$ 0 \$ 0	\$ 27 \$ 0		\$ 0 \$ 0	\$ 0 \$ 0	* *	\$ 9,527 \$ 8,200

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts indicated are cash payments. Officers may have accrued unpaid salary.

#### **Employment Agreements**

We have no formal employment agreements in place at this time.

# DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The Company does not have any arrangement for compensation of our directors for any services provided as director, including services for committee participation or for special assignments.

# Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

#### Securities Under Equity Compensation Plans

The Company does not have any securities authorized for issuance under any equity compensation plans approved by our shareholders and any equity compensation plans not approved by our shareholders as of December 31, 2018.

# **Beneficial Ownership**

The following table lists the beneficial ownership of our outstanding common stock by our management and each person or group known to us to own beneficially more than 5% of our voting common stock. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Based on these rules, two or more persons may be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the same securities. Except as indicated by footnote, the persons named in the table below have sole voting power and investment power with respect to the shares of common stock shown as beneficially owned by them. The percentage of beneficial ownership is based on 159,090,914 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 28, 2019.

# MANAGEMENT

Title of Class	Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
Common Stock	Sanford Lang	16,864,844 (1)	10.6%
Common Stock	Martin Goldrod Rachel Boulds	2,015,417 100,833	1.3% 0.1%
Common Stock	Ross Sklar	93,916,226	59.0%
	Directors and executive officers as a group (4 persons)	112,897,320	71.0%

(1) Represents 16,847,844 shares by Mr. Lang, 16,667 shares held by his spouse and 333 shares held by a

child living with him.

# Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTORINDEPENDENCE

#### **Related Party Transactions**

The following information summarizes transactions we have either engaged in for the past two fiscal years or propose to engage in, involving our executive officers, directors, more than 5% stockholders, or immediate family members of these persons. These transactions were negotiated between related parties without "arm's length" bargaining and, as a result, the terms of these transactions may be different than transactions negotiated between unrelated persons.

On February 26, 2018, the Board approved the issuance of 7,182,442 shares of common stock to Ross Sklar, CEO; 18,000,000 shares of common stock to Sanford Lang, Chairman; 2,000,000 shares of common stock to Martin Goldrod, COO; and 100,000 shares of common stock to Rachel Boulds, CFO. Shares were issued for services rendered at a price per share of \$0.00027

As of December 31, 2018, the Company owed TSG \$10,682 for advances made to the Company in 2018 to be used to pay certain payables. The advances are unsecured, non-interest bearing and due on demand.

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company recognized \$126,162 of royalty revenue and had a \$17,504 receivable from The Starco Group.

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company's Chairman advanced the Company \$2,000 to pay for an operating expense. The \$2,000 was repaid as of December 31, 2018.

# **Director Independence**

At this time the Company does not have a policy that its directors or a majority be independent of management. The Company has at this time only three directors. It is the intention of the Company to implement a policy in the future that a majority of the Board member be independent of the Company's management as the members of the board of director's increases after implementation of the Company's business plan.

#### Item 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

#### **Audit Fees**

The following table presents the aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years by Haynie & Company, our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm, in connection with the audit of our financial statements and other professional services rendered by those accounting firms.

	2018	2017
Audit fees	\$ 34,180	\$ 31,000
Audit-related fees	\$ -	\$ -
Tax fees	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
All other fees	\$ _	\$ _

Audit fees represent fees for professional services rendered by our principal accountants for the audit of our annual financial statements and review of the financial statements included in our Forms 10-Q or services that are normally provided by our principal accountants in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

Audit-related fees represent professional services rendered for assurance and related services by the accounting firm that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements that are not reported under audit fees.

Tax fees represent professional services rendered by the accounting firm for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning.

All other fees represent fees billed for products and services provided by the accounting firm, other than the services reported for the other three categories.

#### **Pre-Approval Policies**

Our audit committee makes recommendations to our board of directors regarding the engagement of an auditor. Our board of directors approves the engagement of the auditor before the firm renders audit and non-audit services. Our audit committee does not rely on pre-approval policies and procedures.

#### PART IV

# ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

#### (a)(1) Financial Statements

The audited financial statements of Starco Brands, Inc. are included in this report under Item 8.

# (a)(2) Financial Statement Schedules

All financial statement schedules are included in the footnotes to the financial statements or are inapplicable or not required.

# (a)(3) Exhibits

The following documents have been filed as part of this report.

Exhibit	
<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>3(i)*</u>	Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to exhibit 3.0 Form S-1 file No. 333-179262, filed January 31, 2012)
<u>3(ii)*</u>	By-laws of Starco Brands, Inc., as amended August 13, 2015 (incorporated by reference to exhibit 3(ii) Form 8-K filed August 20, 2015
<u>31.1</u>	Chief Executive Officer Certification
<u>31.2</u>	Chief Financial Officer Certification
<u>32.1</u>	Section 1350 Certification
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRI, Taxonomy Presentation Linkhase Document

#### **SIGNATURES**

In accordance with Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized. Starco Brands, Inc.

By: <u>/s/ Ross Sklar</u> Ross Sklar

Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Annual Report on Form 10-K has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

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Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ Ross Sklar</u> Ross Sklar	Chief Executive Officer, Director	April 1, 2019
<u>/s/ Martin Goldrod</u> Martin Goldrod	Director and Secretary/Treasurer	April 1, 2019
/s/ Rachel Boulds Rachel Boulds	Chief Financial Officer	April 1, 2019
<u>/s/ Sandford Lang</u> Ross Sklar	Chairman of the Board and Director	April 1, 2019

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Exhibit 31.1

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CERTIFICATION

- I, Ross Sklar, hereby certify that:
- (1) I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 (the "report") of Starco Brands, Inc.;
- (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 officers 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 officers 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 registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies 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.

Dated: April 1, 2019 /s/Ross Sklar

Chief Executive Officer

#### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

- I, Rachel Boulds, hereby certify that:
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- (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;
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  - (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.

Dated: April 1, 2019 /s/ Rachel Boulds Chief Financial Officer

# STARCO BRANDS, INC.

# CERTIFICATION OF PERIODIC REPORT

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 18 U.S.C. Section 1350

The undersigned executive officers of Starco Brands, Inc. certify pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that:

- the annual report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2018, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- the information contained in the Form 10-K fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: April 1, 2019 /s/Ross Sklar

Ross Sklar

Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Rachel Boulds

Rachel Boulds

Chief Financial Officer

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Dated: April 1, 2019 /s/ Rachel Boulds Chief Financial Officer

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Date: April 1, 2019

Ross Sklar

Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Rachel Boulds Rachel Boulds

Chief Financial Officer