



## Horizon Distributors announces restructuring of the Horizon Group of Companies

**Burnaby, BC, July 30, 2019**—Horizon Distributors Ltd. is excited to announce a restructuring of the Horizon Group of Companies. Effective September 1, 2019, Christmas Natural Products Ltd. will merge into Horizon Distributors Ltd. and Corwin Distribution Ltd. will merge into Ontario Natural Food Company Inc.

Christmas Natural Products is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Horizon Group of Companies that has distributed natural health and personal care products across Western Canada for 40 years. Corwin Distribution is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Horizon Group of Companies that has distributed natural health products and specialty organic, natural and fairtrade grocery products throughout Eastern Canada for more than 20 years.

When these mergers are complete, Horizon Distributors Ltd. will serve Western Canada and Yukon as **Horizon Grocery + Wellness** and Ontario Natural Food Company Inc. will serve Eastern Canada as **ONFC Grocery + Wellness**. Processes for the Procurement, Marketing, Publications and Brand Management departments will nationalize under the guidance of Gayle Thom, who will become the National Director of Supplier Relationships and Procurement for Grocery + Wellness.

The head office for **Horizon Grocery + Wellness** will remain in Burnaby, BC at the 150,000 sq. ft. distribution facility that was purpose-built to support the ongoing expansion of Horizon Distributors operations in 2008.

- The **Horizon Grocery Facility** (150,000 sq. ft. including 30,000 sq. ft. of chill and frozen capacity) will ship dry, cooler, frozen and household grocery items available **by the case** from 5589 Trapp Avenue, Burnaby, BC.
- The **Horizon Wellness Facility** (30,000 sq. ft.) will ship natural health and personal care products as well as functional food and beverage items available **by the each** from a separate location nearby at 110-5560 Trapp Avenue, Burnaby, BC.
- Order deadlines will be provided for both facilities to enable co-shipping of Grocery + Wellness orders.

The head office for **ONFC Grocery + Wellness** will remain in Mississauga, ON at the 115,000 sq. ft. distribution facility currently shared by ONFC and Corwin Distribution. Orders for dry, cooler, frozen and household grocery products available **by the case** will continue to ship from the 5800 Keaton Crescent facility along with orders for natural health and personal care products available **by the each**.

Horizon Distributors and Ontario Natural Food Company have been firmly rooted leaders in the organic and natural industry in Canada for more than 40 years. Both businesses service natural food retailers, co-ops, independent grocery retailers, mass grocery retailers, online retailers, restaurants, cafés, buying clubs and many other health-oriented businesses with organic and natural products.

With the mergers of Christmas Natural Products and Corwin Distribution, the long-standing grocery distribution platforms of Horizon and ONFC will add natural health and personal care products and expand distribution reach to more than 5,000 retail locations across Canada with a combined Grocery + Wellness portfolio of more than 700 brands and 12,000 items.

We are currently in the final stages of implementation planning for operations and logistics. We know it will take some time through the autumn to fine-tune our combined processes and transition staff, who bring tremendous experience and knowledge of natural health products, into the larger Grocery + Wellness business entities.

On behalf of our President, Ron Francisco, and everyone in the Horizon Group of Companies, we offer thanks for the support of our many retailer, supplier and broker partners across Canada and look forward to continuing our shared successes with you for many more years.

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**The Horizon Group of Companies includes the wholly owned subsidiaries of:**

Horizon Distributors Ltd. dba Horizon Grocery + Wellness, Burnaby, BC

Ontario Natural Food Company Inc. dba ONFC Grocery + Wellness, Mississauga, ON

PSC Natural Foods, Victoria, BC

Directa Distribution, Pointe-Claire, QC

Planet Foods, Calgary, AB