

## MEDIA RELEASE

### UPDATE REGARDING THE HAZE CLUB & THE GROW CLUB MODEL

1. We refer to the above matter.
2. This media release serves to address:
  - 2.1. the recent "raid" of the Haze Club ("THC");
  - 2.2. the subsequent arrest of the alleged directors of THC ("*the Accused*");
  - 2.3. the pending court hearing in respect of the Accused; and
  - 2.4. the legal position of the now widely known "*Grow Club Model*".
3. THC is one of many businesses that employs the Grow Club Model.
4. The Grow Club Model is a business model whereby a person/entity:
  - 4.1. leases out land, equipment and gardening services;
  - 4.2. grows, on behalf of its clients, plant material, including cannabis; and
  - 4.3. **does not** own or provide its clients with, cannabis, cannabis seedlings or cannabis seeds.

Update regarding The Haze Club & The Grow Club Model **continued...**

5. THC was recently raided by SAPS. The Accused:
  - 5.1. were arrested on charges of:
    - 5.1.1. dealing in an undesirable dependence producing substance (cannabis);  
alternatively
    - 5.1.2. possession of an undesirable dependence producing substance (cannabis);
  - 5.2. were released on bail; and
  - 5.3. are set to appear on **26 January 2021** in the Magistrate's Court, Wynberg.
6. THC is represented by Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr ("CDH"). At the request of CDH and THC, Schindlers has, given the public interest in the outcome of this matter, agreed to assist on a pro bono basis.
7. In the above regard, the Accused, CDH and Schindlers, together, intend to:
  - 7.1. achieve legal certainty in respect of the Grow Club Model; and
  - 7.2. in due course, call for support from members of the public who may have an interest in the aforesaid.
8. CDH and Schindlers wish to assure all interested parties that, fortunately, the precautions taken and records kept by THC stand them in good stead.
9. Further information to follow in due course.

Kind regards

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PER: **THE CANNABIS DEPARTMENT**

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- ◇ **VIRTUAL RECEPTION** We now have a virtual reception open between 08h30 to 17h00.
  
- ◇ **PRO BONO** Please also take note, our Pro Bono initiative to assist businesses in distress [www.cobra.org.za](http://www.cobra.org.za)

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