

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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This franchise is for the operation of a business that markets and sells a proprietary line of air purification, water purification, water conditioners, floor care and other products and services that create and maintain allergy friendly, clean and healthy indoor environments for homes and businesses. Our franchisees also perform testing and treatments for indoor environmental containments and perform repair and maintenance services for all of our products and certain products of our competitors. Our franchisees are required to maintain a fixed store location to operate their franchise. Our franchisees accomplish a substantial portion of their sales through in-person marketing and product demonstration.

We currently offer 2 franchise programs – our Standard franchise program ("<u>Standard Program</u>") and our associate franchise program ("<u>Associate Program</u>"). We also offer qualified franchisees under the Standard Program and Associate Program a right to sell an additional, premium line of products that are marketed and sold under the "Beyond by Aerus" trademark.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a franchise under the Standard Program is \$37,500 to \$439,690. This includes up to \$330,000 that must be paid to us or our affiliate.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a franchise under the Associate Program ranges from approximately \$20,000 to \$104,690. This includes up to \$60,000 that must be paid to us or our affiliate.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this disclosure document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this disclosure document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to us or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read all of the contract carefully. Show your contract and this disclosure document to an advisor, like a lawyer or accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise" which can help you understand how to use this disclosure document is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at <u>www.ftc.gov</u> for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for additional sources of information regarding franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.



STATE COVER PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a Franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in **Exhibit 4** for information about the Franchisor, or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

- 1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS REQUIRE YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS. OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN TEXAS THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS STATE THAT TEXAS LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENTS, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. THE TERRITORY IS NOT EXCLUSIVE. YOU MAY FACE COMPETITION FROM OTHER FRANCHISEES, FROM FRANCHISOR OWNED OUTLETS OR FROM OTHER CHANNELS OF DISTRIBUTION OR COMPETITIVE BRANDS FRANCHISOR CONTROLS.
- 4. YOU MUST MAINTAIN MIMIMUM SALES PERFORMANCE LEVELS. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, WE CAN TERMINATE YOUR AGREEMENT AND YOU COULD LOSE YOUR INVESTMENT.
- 5. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT CONTAINS PROVISIONS THAT LIMIT FRANCHISEE'S RIGHTS AND MAY NOT BE ENFORCEABLE IN CALIFORNIA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.
- 6. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

Effective Date: See the next page for state effective dates.



STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require that the Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

This Franchise Disclosure Document (or a version of this document) is registered, on file or exempt from registration in the following states having franchise registration and disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:

California Hawaii Illinois Indiana Maryland Michigan Minnesota New York North Dakota Rhode Island South Dakota Virginia Washington Wisconsin

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