

## **NextFerm Technologies announces filing a patent for ProteVin™, its vegan protein, which protects the protein composition and production process**

**(Yokneam Illit, October 24, 2022) – NextFerm Technologies Ltd. (TASE:NXFR), a food-tech company developing ProteVin™, a vegan, fermentation-based, non-GMO protein alternative is strengthening the product's IP – Announces today the filing of a European patent for protection of the protein composition and production process. This is the initial phase for the international registration of the patent.**

The filing for patent registration is part of the company's strategy for strengthening its commercial advantage and position in the market, among others, by filing for patents and preserving its proprietary knowledge.

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In September 2022 the Company announced a strategic manufacturing agreement for the production of ProteVin™ with a subcontractor in the Balkan region in Europe, which is expected to replace the current pilot production plant in GFR Canada. The manufacturing plant will enable, at first stage, the production of ProteVin™ with an annual capacity of up to \$10M starting the second half of 2023. The plant commissioning plan enables a future expansion of the capacity to tens millions of dollars.

### **About NextFerm Technologies**

NextFerm Technologies, traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE:NXFR) is a food-tech company engaged in the research, development, manufacturing and marketing of innovative, functional and vegan yeast-derived, non-GMO protein alternatives for various applications in the food and food supplement markets and the growing market for animal-derived protein alternatives.

NextFerm's flagship product is ProteVin™, a vegan, yeast-derived protein with animal-like nutritional value (Amino acid profile BCAA=21%, Leucine=9%, EAA=53% and high digestibility PDCAAS=1) and a neutral flavor. ProteVin™ is designed for a variety of categories in the alternative protein market, which is estimated at USD 20 billion in terms of final products and at USD 3.5 billion in terms of raw materials with an annual growth rate of above 20%, including milk and dairy substitutes, meat substitutes and additional categories such as infant nutrition, adult nutrition, and sports nutrition. The company launched ProteVin™ and started marketing and supplying purchase orders during the second quarter of 2022.

Another product currently being sold is Astaferm<sup>®</sup>, an innovative astaxanthin-based antioxidant derived from yeast that has been sold in the US since the end of 2020 through well-established and leading brands in the food supplement market in the US. In July 2021, the Company received Regulatory marketing approval in Canada.

The company has additional products which have been licensed to Lallemand, a global giant focused on yeast.

For more information, visit the NextFerm website at: [www.nextferm.com](http://www.nextferm.com)

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