# **COLABOR**

### Q1 2021 RESULTS SUMMARY (FOR THE 12-WEEK PERIOD ENDED MARCH 20, 2021)

COLABOR GROUP INC. (TSX: GCL)

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### ABOUT US

Colabor is the largest independent distributor and wholesaler of food and related products in Quebec, serving the hotel, restaurant and institutional markets « HRI » as well as the retail market. Colabor is Canada's third largest food distributor.

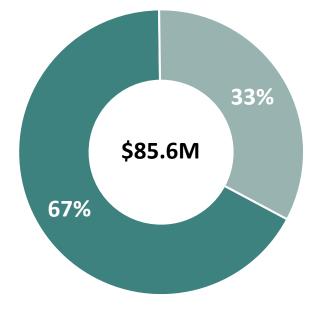
Q1 2021 REVENUE DIVERSIFICATION (CONTINUING OPERATIONS)

### DISTRIBUTION

#### 67% of revenues

**Broadline:** food products and related products

Specialty: meat, fish



#### WHOLESALE

33% of revenues

### SINCE 2019 TRANSFORMATION

### **Objective : Optimize operations and grow profitably**

#### 2019

- **RATIONALIZATION PLAN**
- \$2.9M annual cost savings

#### SALE OF NON-CORE ASSETS

- Sale of Viandes Décarie for \$20M.
- \$17.8 M used to reduce debt

#### **ONTARIO PHASE I - OPTIMIZATION OF ACTIVITIES**

Termination of non-profitable Recipe contract

#### **NEW LEADERSHIP**

• Louis Frenette, ex President and CEO of Parmalat Canada, Bonduelle North America and Danone Canada joins Colabor

#### Q1 2021

#### PANDEMIC

 continues to impact; mandatory closure of restaurants dining room during first quarter;

#### REFINANCING

- Agreement signed for a new credit facility and a new subordinated debt.
- Redemption of all outstanding convertible debentures completed on March 23, 2021

#### NOMINATION (April 28, 2021)

Leadership nomination – Pierre Blanchette, Senior Vice President and CFO

#### 2020

COVID-19 PANDEMIC ("pandemic")

• Started last 2 weeks of Q1 2020 and continued to impact most of fiscal year 2020; mandatory closure of restaurants dining room on an intermittent basis

#### **ONTARIO PHASE II - CONSOLIDATION AND SALE OF DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES**

- Consolidation of activities at the Mississauga DC.
- Concluded the sale of the majority of the assets in Ontario
- \$8.2M of proceeds received
- Termination of Ontario activities and closure of the distribution centers

Q1 2021 RECENT KEY EVENTS

Colabor concluded the closure of new credit agreements and complete the redemption of all outstanding convertible debentures, which combined with the cash flows generated by operating activities, will allow us to pursue our strategic plan.

#### February 18, 2021:

- Refinancing new agreements for a new credit facility and a new subordinated debt;
- The refinancing was used to repay the remaining \$12.0M of subordinated debt as at December 26, 2020; and
- Announcement of the intention to proceed with the early redemption of convertible debentures.

#### March 23, 2021 :

- Completion of the redemption of all outstanding convertible debentures; and
- Convertible debentures were delisted on this date.

#### **Pandemic:**

The pandemic continues to impact customers demand following the closure of dining rooms.

#### **Diversified customer** continue to attenuate the impact:

- Volume decline from restaurant and chain clients mitigated by increase for retails clients;
- Developed new distribution channels (retailers) and clients; and
- Across the province of Québec
- Subsidies received during Q1 2021 and these subsidies would be available until September 2021; and
- Continue to optimally manage our costs structure and cash flows in the context of the pandemic.



# Q1 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

"Despite restaurant dining room closures and citizen confinement, we are ending the first quarter of 2021 with good results" commented Mr. Frenette, President and Chief Executive Officer of Colabor

#### Consolidated sales down 23.3% to \$85.6M.

- The pandemic impacted all 12 weeks of the 2021 quarter compared to two weeks in corresponding period in 2020. Distribution sales down 29.0% and we estimate that approximately 17% come from the effects of the pandemic.
  - **Specialty Distribution** down, mainly due to the end of a \$8.6M distribution contract and lower volume due to the pandemic.
  - **Broadline Distribution** down, explained by a lower volume resulting from the pandemic for restaurant and chain clients, partially compensated by a volume increase for retail clients.
- Wholesale sales down 8.2%, due to a volume decrease from the pandemic and lower intersegment sales.

#### Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> from continuing operations at \$3.8M (4.5% of sales) up from \$3.7M (3.3% of sales) last year.

• Due to the deployment of operational optimization measures in 2020, decrease in salaries and other expenses resulting from measures taken during the pandemic, subsidies of \$1.3M, mitigated by a sales drop due to the pandemic.

#### Net loss of \$1.0M (vs) \$8.3M last year. Net loss from continuing operations of \$1.0M (vs) \$1.9M last year.

• Net loss decreased by \$6.5M related to discontinued operations

Cash flow from operations reached \$5.4M, down from \$5.6M, last year. Net debt <sup>(1)</sup> reduced to \$50.5M from \$52.1M at the end of FY2020. Leverage ratio at 1.7x (vs) 1.8x at the end of FY2020.

(1) Adjusted EBITDA and total net debt to equity ratio are non-IFRS measures. Refer to section 6 "Non-IFRS Performance Measures" of the MD&A.





## Q1 2021

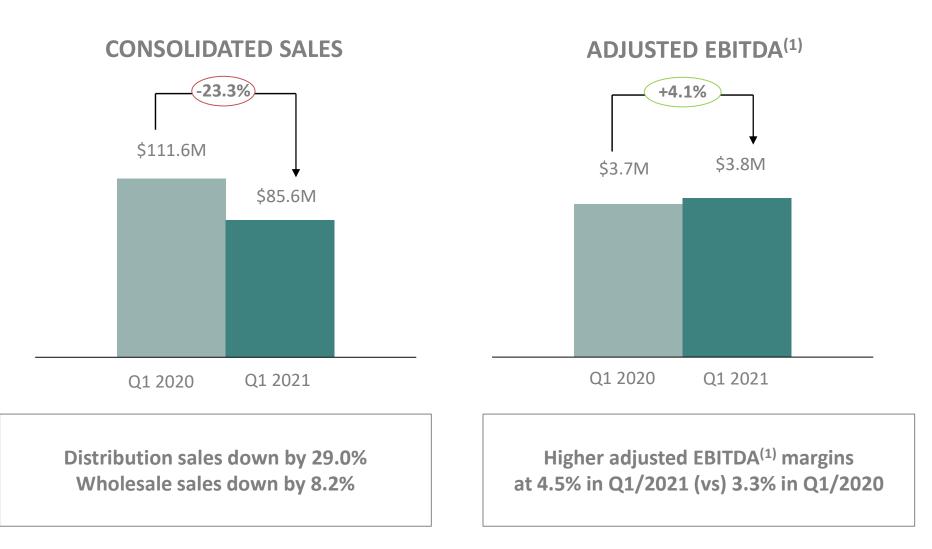
" Due to the optimization measures implemented in 2020, as well as tight management of our cost structure, subsidies contribution and optimal cash flow management in order to minimize the impacts of the pandemic, Colabor continued to improve profitability, generate strong cash flow and reduce net debt."

Financial Highlights	12-week period	
(in thousands of dollars except percentages, per share data and financial leverage ratio)	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Sales from continuing operations	85,635	111,613
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup> from continuing operations	3,848	3,698
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup> margin (%)	4.5	3.3
Net loss from continued operations	(1,011)	(1,871)
Net loss	(1,027)	(8,330)
Per share - basic and diluted (\$)	(0.01)	(0.08)
Cash flow from operating activities	5,376	5,613
Financial position	As at	As at December
	March 20, 2021	26, 2020
Net debt <sup>(1)</sup>	50,530	52,100
Financial leverage ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	1.7x	1.8x

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-IFRS measures. Refer to the table of reconciliation of Net Earnings to EBITDA in section 6 "Non-IFRS Performance Measures" in the MD&A for the period ended March 20, 2021. Adjusted EBITDA corresponds to net earnings before depreciation and amortization, costs not related to current operations, expenses for stock-based compensation plan, financial expenses and income taxes, as shown in the Company's financial statements. Net debt corresponds to bank indebtedness, current portion of long-term debt, long-term debt and convertible debentures, net of cash as presented in Colabor's consolidated statements of financial position. Financial leverage ratio is defined as net debt / adjusted EBITDA.



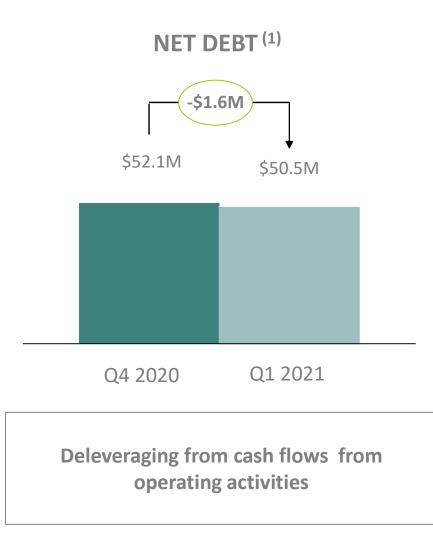
# **Q1 SALES AND PROFITABILITY TREND**



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## **NET DEBT TREND**



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# **REDUCED DEBT LEVEL**

### **Financial discipline:**

- Maintain strong cash flow from operations
- Divest non-core assets

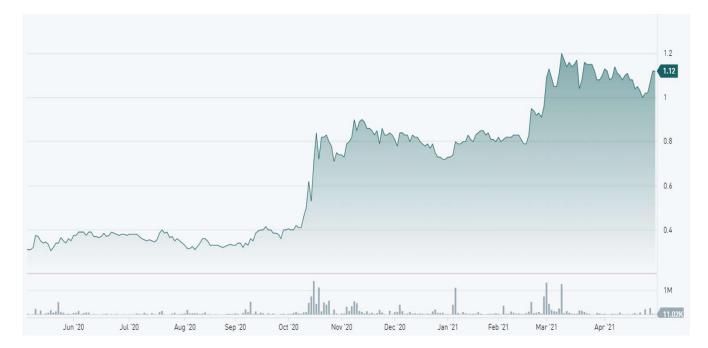


(1) Adjusted EBITDA and total debt to Adjusted EBITDA are non-IFRS performance measures. See MD&A for the period ended March 20, 2021 for their definitions.



# SHARE INFORMATION (TSX: GCL)

STOCK PRICE (as at April 29, 2021)	\$1.12
52-week high-low	\$0.26 - \$1.24
Number of shares issued and outstanding	101,954,885
Average volume (30 days)	55.7 k
Market capitalization	\$114.2 M
Institutional and management ownership	≈ 46.5%









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