

## Planting Hope's Mozaics<sup>™</sup> and RightRice<sup>®</sup> Products Named Finalists in QVC<sup>®</sup> 2022 Customer Choice<sup>®</sup> Food Awards

- Mozaics™ Real Veggie Chips nominated for 'Best Snack' and RightRice® Veggie Rice nominated for 'Best Plant-Based Food' in the QVC 2022 Consumer Choice® Food Awards
- Both brands 'sold out' of allocated inventory during their July nomination airings
- Veggicopia® Greek Snack Olives debuted on QVC in June and have subsequently been invited back for three sales events
- To date in 2022, Planting Hope's brands have had 16 sales events on QVC, amounting to hundreds of thousands of products sold and more than 100 minutes of cumulative airtime, viewed by millions of QVC customers

CHICAGO, IL and VANCOUVER, B.C. / ACCESSWIRE / August 9, 2022 – <u>The Planting Hope Company Inc.</u> (TSXV: MYLK) (OTCQB: MYLKF) (FRA: J94) ("Planting Hope" or the "Company"), a plant-based food and beverage company focused on producing the world's most nutritious and planet-friendly products, is pleased to announce that its popular <u>Mozaics™</u> Veggie Chips and <u>RightRice®</u> Veggie Rice have been named finalists in QVC's prestigious 2022 Customer Choice® Food Awards. Mozaics™ are a finalist in the 'Best Snack' category and RightRice® is a contender for the 'Best Plant-Based Food' award. Another popular Planting Hope brand, <u>Veggicopia®</u> Greek Snack Olives, launched on QVC in June. Veggicopia® olives have already returned for two more airings and have received broad acclaim from QVC customers on QVC.com, another metric for early success on QVC.

"QVC is a powerful platform, reaching millions of consumers who trust and value the products presented to them by QVC hosts," said Julia Stamberger, CEO and Co-founder of Planting Hope. "The exposure for our brands on QVC programming is invaluable for introducing consumers to our delicious plant-based, sustainable food. We're overwhelmed by the positive response our products have received from the QVC audience, who have proven there is growing national demand for more sustainable, plant-based food. We are both honored and humbled to be selected from dozens of other brands to be finalists in the 'Best Snack' and 'Best Plant-Based Food' categories of the QVC Customer Choice® Food Awards."

Every year, QVC polls more than 75,000 of its loyal customers in search of their favorite food products across 24 categories for consideration in the QVC Customer Choice<sup>®</sup> Food Awards. Voting for the winners in each category is open now and customers can vote for Mozaics<sup>™</sup> Veggie Chips and RightRice<sup>®</sup> Veggie Rice <u>HERE</u> until August 14, 2022 at 11:59pm ET. The winners will be announced in September on a QVC broadcast and on the QVC website.

- Planting Hope has six buyer- curated on-air items, each of which have been invited to return for repeat airings with QVC hosts during top QVC food programming.
- Planting Hope has a total of 33 product listings on QVC's e-commerce site.
- QVC reaches 94 million households across the US with a core demographic of women between the ages 35 and 64, mirroring a significant part of Planting Hope's target customer demographic.

• Planting Hope products sold on QVC are exclusive multi-pack versions of products available at grocery retail locations, thereby helping to drive awareness and trial at retail.

"We're just getting started," Julia added, referring to the Company's successful relationship with QVC. "At Planting Hope, we're dedicated to building a mutually successful long-term partnership to bring delicious, plant-based and sustainable foods to QVC customers."

For more information about Planting Hope and where to find its award-winning plant-based brands, please visit <u>plantinghopecompany.com</u>, sign up for Planting Hope news emails <u>HERE</u> and follow on <u>LinkedIn</u>. To follow the brands on Instagram and Facebook, please visit: @hopeandsesameco, @veggicopia, @rightrice, and @mozaicschips.

#### About The Planting Hope Company Inc.

Planting Hope develops, launches, and scales uniquely innovative plant-based and planet-friendly food and beverage brands. Planting Hope's award-winning and cutting-edge products fill key unmet needs in the skyrocketing plant-based food and beverage space. The Planting Hope brand family includes Hope and Sesame® Sesamemilk and Sesamilk<sup>™</sup> creamers, RightRice® Veggie Rice, Mozaics<sup>™</sup> Real Veggie Chips, and Veggicopia® Veggie Snacks. Founded by experienced food industry entrepreneurs, Planting Hope is a women-managed and woman-led company focused on nutrition, sustainability, and diversity. For more information, visit: www.plantinghopecompany.com.

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