



## NEWS RELEASE

### ORGANIC GARAGE PARTNERS WITH Hop COMPOST TO DIVERT FOOD WASTE

March 19, 2018, Toronto, Canada: Organic Garage Ltd. ("**Organic Garage**") (TSX-V:OG) is pleased to announce that the company has partnered with Hop Compost to create a closed loop system for individual store food waste. Using Hop's patented odorless indoor composting technology, organic waste will be used to produce Hop Organic Compost, which will be sold to urban farmers at Organic Garage. Hop will provide a two-part program consisting of food waste collection and organic compost production, kicking off this month in all Organic Garage locations. Hop also plans to have its organic compost available for sale to urban farmers at all Organic Garage locations by the Spring.

Hop estimates that Organic Garage will save over 100,000 pounds of food waste in its first 12 months at its Oakville, Vaughan and Junction locations. Monthly Impact Reports provided by Hop will validate exact amounts of ongoing waste diversion.

Third-party lab studies state that Hop is the most nutrient-rich organic compost in Canada, and is 2,000 times cleaner than OMRI organic standards.

Matt Lurie, CEO of Organic Garage commented, "We are pleased to be partnering with Hop for our food waste management. Not only does it speak to our long-term commitment of finding environmentally friendly solutions for the operations for our stores but also doing it in a fiscally prudent manner."

Hop has received many awards and recognition for its innovative operations, including the 2017 World Changing Ideas Awards from *Fast Company*, and its Founder, Kevin Davies, has been named to Canada's Top 30 Under 30. Says Mr. Davies, "It will be a pleasure to work alongside Organic Garage to create a closed loop for local food in Toronto. Their scale will benefit the impact of our work. Sometimes, it's the simplest items – scraps – at the heart of a very meaningful change"

#### **About Hop Compost.**

Hop uses patented technology to develop Canada's first inner-city compost facilities. In both Vancouver and Calgary, Hop uses its facilities to operate high-efficiency urban waste collections, saving over 10 million pounds of food waste from landfill. Its technology converts this waste into the most nutrient-rich

organic compost in Canada, boosting crop yields for organic growers. For more information please visit the Hop website at [www.hopcompost.com](http://www.hopcompost.com)

### **About Organic Garage Ltd.**

Organic Garage (TSX-V: OG) is one of Canada's leading independent organic grocers committed to offering its customers a wide selection of healthy and natural products at everyday affordable prices. The company's stores are in prime retail locations designed to give customers an inclusive, unique and value-focused grocery shopping experience. Founded in 2005 by a fourth generation grocer, Organic Garage is headquartered in Toronto and operates a highly efficient supply chain through its centralized distribution centre. The company is focused on continuing to expand its retail footprint within the Greater Toronto Area. For more information please visit the Organic Garage website at [www.organicgarage.com](http://www.organicgarage.com).

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