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## GLG LIFE TECH CORPORATION REPORTS 2026 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS

**Vancouver, B.C. May 22, 2026 - GLG Life Tech Corporation** (NEX: GLG.H) (“GLG” or the “Company”), a global leader in the agricultural and commercial development of high-quality zero-calorie natural sweeteners, announces financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2026. The complete set of financial statements and management discussion and analysis are available on SEDAR and on the Company’s website at [www.glglifetech.com](http://www.glglifetech.com).

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Company reported revenues of \$2.3 million in the first quarter of 2026, a decrease of 26% compared with \$3.2 million in revenues for the first quarter of 2025. The Company reported gross profit for continuing operations of \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2026, compared to \$0.5 million in gross profit for the same period last year. The gross profit margin was 13% for the three months ended March 31, 2026, compared to 14% for the same period in 2025, or a decrease of one percentage point.

For the three months ended March 31, 2026, compared to the same period in 2025, SG&A expenses were even at \$0.3 million.

For the three months ended March 31, 2026, the Company had net loss attributable to the Company from continuing operations of \$5.5 million, an increase in net loss of \$2.3 million over the comparable period in 2025 (net loss of \$3.2 million).

The Company reported net loss per share from continuing operations of \$0.14 for the first quarter 2026, a \$0.06 increase relative to the first quarter of 2025 (\$0.08 loss from continuing operations per share).

### CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS

The Company has announced that it will hold its Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on June 30, 2026, at its Corporate Headquarters in Richmond, B.C.

The items below in this Corporate and Sales Development section are reprinted from the Company’s 2025 Annual Financials news release, published approximately three weeks ago, as Management notes no significant or material changes in the intervening three weeks.

#### Company Outlook

In recent years, management focused particularly on mitigating the losses – especially from a cash or EBITDA perspective – that the Company suffered in prior years and to ameliorate the Company’s financial position. As a result of those sustained losses, the Company has lacked the cash necessary to fully fund the business operations and strategic product initiatives. The Company continues to manage its cash flows carefully to mitigate risk of insolvency and Management’s efforts have been successful in improving the Company’s performance, particularly its cash flows, with the Company regularly producing positive

EBITDA. On the other hand, interest charges, most of which continue to be accrued rather than paid, continue to have significant impact on the Company's income statement and balance sheet. As a result of these efforts, in recent years and at a present, management has been successful in improving the Company's cash flows compared to prior years. Nevertheless, without an infusion of cash in the months ahead, the Company may not be able to realize its strategic plans and could eventually cease to be a going concern.

A factor that has continued to contribute to the Company's financial situation is the competitive price pressure in the stevia market over the last few years that has reduced mainstream "Reb A" products (such as Reb A 80 and Reb A 97) to the lowest price levels in years; less mainstream products such as "Reb M" as well as more specialized products have also more recently been facing significant price pressure. Monk fruit prices have also become highly competitive in the marketplace. To maintain margins at sustainable levels, the Company has focused on managing cost of goods sold by working with its exclusive supplier, HHY, and continues to strive for a mix of products that is weighted more heavily on higher margin, specialty products, and has focused more on higher margin direct sales. Margins, however, remain slimmer than desired and have faced additional pressure from the special tariff actions implemented last year.

To address operating cash requirements, management previously negotiated revolving loan facilities with third parties for working capital purposes. Management continues to work with third parties for its working capital needs. This has been a significant departure from the Company's prior practice of arranging loans with related parties to fund the Company's operations and the Company has been successful in securing and managing these loan facilities.

Further, with an emphasis on maintaining positive cash flow, the Company has taken decisive steps in the last few years to reduce its SG&A costs as well as reduce the cost of goods sold. In that time period, both its North American operations and, while extant, its Chinese operations significantly reduced SG&A costs. For many years, the Company's production capacity had been far greater than its projected order levels, as it had then sought rapid increases in orders for Reb A products. Instead, a few years ago, the Company pivoted to focus on "right-sizing" its then-extant Chinese operations – i.e., to optimize staffing and production planning to meet the Company's then-projected production requirements while retaining the ability to accommodate growth in future order volumes – and management made significant progress in this area. These efforts, prior to disposing of the Chinese subsidiaries, enabled the Company to sell its goods at more competitive and/or more profitable prices, notwithstanding the competitive price pressures arising in the market. Against this historical backdrop, the Company strives to maintain product cost efficiencies through its production arrangement with HHY.

Management has also availed itself of opportunities to improve the Company's balance sheet – to improve the Company's working capital position and to alleviate the debt burden that has impeded the Company's progress for many years now. In 2020, management realized the sale of one of its two idle assets; the sale of the "Runhao" facility resulted in significant debt reduction. In 2023, the Company also realized significant debt reduction through the bankruptcy liquidation of its other long-idled asset, "Runyang". Shareholders, on May 22, 2025 (and as noted further above), approved the transfer of the Company's Runhai facility on terms similar to the previously consummated transfer of the Company's Runde facility. The Company has thereby removed Chinese bank debt from its books, with only related party debt and third-party working capital loans reflected as debt on its balance sheet. The Company has kept its manufacturing capabilities and practices intact through its contract relationship with HHY, comprised of essentially the same personnel and managed under the same strict protocols as was in place with the Company's Runde subsidiary, with manufacturing performed at the same Qingdao Runde facility.

While revenue trends were increasing from late 2023 into early 2025, Management has more recently observed indications that the growth trend – previously driven both by generally increasing sales volumes from existing customers and the acquisition of new customers – is at present no longer being sustained. It is possible that our customers’ purchasing flows are being impacted by concern over global macroeconomic factors and/or in some cases (at least anecdotally) reflecting weakening consumer demand across an array of end customer products (not limited to products utilizing sweeteners). Nevertheless, Management continues to focus on ways to grow revenues – whether through innovative product offerings, new customer acquisition, ensuring customer retention, and other efforts – as Management remains driven in part, as a baseline goal, of ensuring EBITDA / cash flow. Management’s efforts over the last two years have been successful in realizing that goal and Management aims to continue that trend.

Against this backdrop, the Company has faced significant regulatory hurdles. The Company had been cease-traded, as a result of its delay in filing its 2023 full-year financials (since filed, on June 28, 2024), pursuant to a British Columbia Securities Commission order (the failure-to-file cease trade order or “FFCTO”). As a result of that filing delay, the Company was also delayed in filing its interim first quarter financials for 2024 (filed on July 23, 2024). Further, the Company was under a delisting review initiated by the TSX, on the basis of the Company’s share price and market capitalization remaining lower than the TSX’s requirements, as well as the Company’s sustained losses over the years and negative working capital situation, that as noted above, culminated in a decision by the TSX to delist the Company’s shares effective close of business September 3, 2024.

The Company has since transferred its listing to the NEX exchange, where it is currently listed (as of September 4, 2024). While the FFCTO had been in effect during the transition to the NEX exchange, the Company was ultimately notified by the BCSC that the FFCTO has been lifted; since that time, Management has been in contact with the NEX exchange and is preparing its submission to resume trading on the NEX exchange.

Although the regulatory hurdles are substantial, Management continues to have a positive outlook on the Company’s ability to sustain and grow revenues, albeit with a cautious eye given global macroeconomic uncertainties and some signs of softened general market demand, at least in the near term. As Management seeks to have the Company’s stock trading again, Management continues to focus on maintaining and increasing revenues, notwithstanding pricing pressures, as well as on maintaining and improving sales volumes and margins and increasing cash flows.

### **Cease-Trade Status**

As noted in the Outlook section above, while the Company has been cease-traded since April of 2024, the FFCTO was ultimately revoked last year. Management has been in contact with the NEX exchange and is preparing its submission to the exchange to resume trading.

## **SELECTED FINANCIALS**

As noted above, the complete set of financial statements and management discussion and analysis for the three months ended March 31, 2026, are available on SEDAR and on the Company’s website at [www.glglifetech.com](http://www.glglifetech.com).

### **Results from Operations**

The following results from operations have been derived from and should be read in conjunction with the Company’s annual consolidated financial statements for 2025 and the condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the three-month period ended March 31, 2026.

In thousands Canadian \$, except per share amounts	3 Months Ended March 31		% Change
	2026	2025	
<b>Results from Continued Operations</b>			
Revenue	\$2,336	\$3,166	(26%)
Cost of Sales	(\$2,038)	(\$2,714)	25%
% of Revenue	(87%)	(86%)	(2%)
Gross Profit	\$298	\$452	(34%)
% of Revenue	13%	14%	(2%)
Expenses	(\$300)	(\$297)	1%
% of Revenue	(13%)	(9%)	(4%)
Income/(Loss) from Operations	(\$2)	\$155	(101%)
% of Revenue	0%	5%	(5%)
Other Income/(Expenses)	(\$5,517)	(\$3,370)	(64%)
% of Revenue	(236%)	(106%)	(130%)
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$5,519)	(\$3,215)	(72%)
% of Revenue	(236%)	(102%)	(135%)
Net Income/(Loss) Attributable to GLG	(\$5,519)	(\$3,215)	(72%)
% of Revenue	(236%)	(102%)	(135%)
Net Earnings/(Loss) Per Share Attributable to GLG	(\$0.14)	(\$0.08)	(72%)
<b>Consolidated Results (Consolidating Continued and Discontinued Operations)</b>			
Net Income/(Loss) - Continuing Operations	(\$5,519)	(\$3,215)	(72%)
Net Income/(Loss) - Discontinued Operations	\$0	(\$586)	100%
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$5,519)	(\$3,801)	(45%)
Net Income/(Loss) Attributable to GLG	(\$5,519)	(\$3,794)	(45%)
Net Earnings/(Loss) Per Share Attributable to GLG	(\$0.14)	(\$0.10)	(45%)
Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	(\$52)	(\$19)	(174%)
Comprehensive Net Income/(Loss)	(\$5,571)	(\$3,820)	(46%)
Comprehensive Net Income/(Loss) Attributable to GLG	(\$5,571)	(\$3,875)	(44%)

**Note regarding presentation of financials:**

**Discontinued Operations / Restatement - Runhai**

In November 2024, and as further discussed in the Company's Management Circular (available on the Company's website) for the Company's Annual General and Special Meeting, held on May 22, 2025, the Company entered into a transfer agreement for its Runhai subsidiary, akin to the transfer agreement discussed above for Runde. Consummation of the transfer had been pending the shareholder vote at the Special Meeting, hence the Company reclassified Runhai's operations (idled since September 2023) into discontinued operations on a retrospective basis for years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. With the shareholders having approved the consummation of the transfer agreement on May 22, 2025, the Company recorded the disposition of Runhai and its subsidiaries (Bengbu) in its second quarter interim financial filings.

**Revenue**

Revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2026, decreased by 26% to \$2.3 million, a \$0.8 million decrease compared to \$3.2 million for the same period in 2025. This 26% decrease was primarily

attributable to decreases in both unit prices (driven by overall market pricing pressures) and units sold for many of the Company's products, relative to the comparable 2025 period. International (ex-China) sales comprised 100% of revenues in the first quarter (100% in first quarter of 2025).

### **Cost of Sales**

For the three months ended March 31, 2026, the cost of sales decreased to \$2.0 million, compared to a cost of sales of \$2.7 million for the same period last year (a decrease in cost of sales of 25%). Cost of sales as a percentage of revenues was 87% for the first quarter, a one-percentage point increase compared to the first quarter of 2025 (86%). This one-percentage point increase in cost of sales as a percentage of revenues is partly attributable to the decrease in unit selling prices in the first quarter of 2026, relative to the first quarter of 2025, that was driven primarily by competitive pricing pressures, despite the raw material costs for much of the Company's product portfolio either remaining static or increasing. The decrease in unit volumes sold also contributed to the increase in cost of sales as a percentage of revenues.

### **Gross Profit**

Gross profit for the three months ended March 31, 2026, decreased by 34% to \$0.3 million, compared to \$0.5 million in gross profit for the same period last year. This 34% decrease in gross profit was driven by the decrease in revenues for the first quarter of 2026 compared to the first quarter of 2025 as well as by the decrease in unit prices attributable to competitive price pressures in the stevia marketplace. The gross profit margin was 13% for the first quarter of 2026, compared to 14% in the first quarter of 2025, for the same reasons as described above for the year-over-year comparison of cost of sales as a percentage of revenues.

### **Net Income (Loss) Attributable to the Company – Continuing Operations**

In thousands Canadian \$	3 Months Ended March 31		% Change
	2026	2025	
<b>Net Income/(Loss) - Continuing Operations</b>			
Net Income/(Loss)	(\$5,519)	(\$3,215)	(72%)
% of Revenue	(236%)	(102%)	(135%)
Net Income/(Loss) Attributable to NCI	\$0	\$0	--
Net Income/(Loss) Attributable to GLG	(\$5,519)	(\$3,215)	(72%)
% of Revenue	(236%)	(102%)	(135%)
Net Earnings/(Loss) Per Share Attributable to GLG	(\$0.14)	(\$0.08)	(72%)

For the three months ended March 31, 2026, the Company had net loss attributable to the Company from continuing operations of \$5.5 million, an increase in net loss of \$2.3 million over the comparable period in 2025 (net loss of \$3.2 million). This \$2.3 million increase in net loss is attributable to (1) an increase in other expenses (\$2.1 million) and (2) a decrease in gross profit (\$0.2 million).

### **Quarterly Basic and Diluted Loss per Share**

The basic loss and diluted loss per share from continuing operations was \$0.14 for the three months ended March 31, 2026, compared with a basic and diluted net loss per share from continuing operations of \$0.08 for the comparable period in 2025. The basic and diluted loss per share for consolidated (continuing) operations was \$0.14 for the first quarter of 2026 compared to \$0.10 for the first quarter of 2025.

### **Additional Information**

Additional information relating to the Company, including our Annual Information Form, is available on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)). Additional information relating to the Company is also available on our website ([www.glglifetech.com](http://www.glglifetech.com)).

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### **About GLG Life Tech Corporation**

GLG Life Tech Corporation is a global leader in the supply of high-purity zero calorie natural sweeteners including stevia and monk fruit extracts used in food and beverages. Additionally, to further meet the varied needs of the food and beverage industry, GLG maintains its Naturals+ product line, enabling it to supply a host of complementary ingredients reliably sourced through its supplier network in China. For further information, please visit [www.glglifetech.com](http://www.glglifetech.com).

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