

**City of Coral Gables CITY COMMISSION MEETING September 13<sup>th</sup>,2022** 

## **ITEM TITLE:**

Recognition to "Quirch Foods LLC" for achieving Silver Certification under the Coral Gables Green Business Program

## **SUMMARY OF ITEM:**

The City of Coral Gables is proud to recognize our eighth certified Coral Gables Green Business, Quirch Foods LLC.

Quirch Foods is committed to Doing Well By Doing Good<sup>™</sup> through continuous improvement in its ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) initiatives. In 2020, the company launched a CEO-led executive steering committee to define and oversee plans to achieve a long-term, strategic, and datadriven goals to address a range of social and environmental issues and build customer and consumer trust. Some of Quirch Foods's ESG initiatives include active participation in round table discussions of supply chains with National Fisheries Institute (NFI) and Fishery Improvement Projects (FIPs), and formation of relationships with other leading global groups committed to regulating, preserving, and improving global sourcing. They are working closely with manufacturers to convert their retail packaged goods to recyclable materials to reduce waste. Quirch Foods intends to package over 90% of all its brands in eco-conscious packaging by 2028. In their office, they sort their daily garbage for recycling. They have clear recycling information/instructions. They have switched to recycled and chlorine free/recycled paper for the office. Quirch Foods also encourages its employees to take alternative transportation and/or telecommute. They have LED lighting throughout, occupancy sensors, video conferencing, digital conference room reservations, etc.

Congratulations again to Quirch Foods LLC for achieving Silver Certification Coral Gables Green Business Certification.

The Coral Gables Green Business Program was created in collaboration with the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and the City's Sustainability Advisory Board. It aligns with the City's sustainability goals of reducing energy, water, fuel consumption, and waste while increasing recycling efforts, alternative transportation and sustainability education and outreach. The goal of the program is to recognize and reward our local businesses for their sustainability efforts while also educating them on additional actions they can implement. Together, the City of Coral Gables and our local businesses are creating a more resilient and sustainable Coral Gables for current and future generations.

## **SUBMITTED BY:**

Matt Anderson Resiliency and Sustainability Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**