

### Sustainable Microalgae Protein

The microgravity effect on heterotrophic growth of microalgae for food and nutrition



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### **Problem** with surging demand for protein

### PROTEIN SOURCES



Animal-based proteins:

NOT Sustainable!



**Plant-based protein** 

Limited nutritional value Allergens like gluten and soy Emerging market: Protein from microorganisms (including microalgae)

Good nutritional value Need functional proprieties Need neutral colour and odour



# We have developed a patented cutting-edge process to create an optimal protein flour

#### Strain Selection Process Trade Secrets

#### Protein Induction Process Patented or Patent Pending

#### Protein Isolation Process Trade Secrets + Patent Pending











- High protein content (60%)
- High nutritional value (Vitamins, Iron)
- Competitive Price (€6/kg)
- Natural claim
- Circular Economy



### Production using food waste

## Why Food Waste? Reduced Cost

# Circular Economy





Spent grains Wastes from breweries

Okara Wastes from tofu makers Molasses Wastes from sugar refinaries







Ugly dates

Wastes from farms



Orange peels

Wastes from juice manufacturers

## Our impact: saving water, land, and 7 SDGs

We ONLY require 2-5 L of water per gram and 0.02 hectares to produce same amount of SBN protein



Liters of water per gram of protein.

Hectares of land needed to produce 1-ton protein.



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anine L	BEEF CHICKEN	<b>VEGETABLES</b>
	PIG	GRAINS
	Low	
	High	LOW

**Competitive Landscape** 

#### Our unique value proposition:

- Better Nutrition and functional properties (means less cost and better texture)
- No Known Allergens
- **No off taste** and better Consumer Perceptions
- **Regulatory Ready** (EFSA Approved, GRAS Ready)
- Our flour is an **isolated protein, not a biomass**, thus it **facilitates & reduce cost** of Plant meat and Plant dairy industries transformation process into food and meal





# The BEST way to develop the MOST sustainable food technologies on Earth is

## to go to SPACE or even Mars











# BUSINESS IN SPACE GROWTH NETWORK

**Commercialisation in Exploration** 



Through BSGN ...

# We are now able to work with different service providers to take our project to ISS

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We plan to conduct the microalgae fermentation processes at two locations

- 1. International Space Station
- 2. AlgaeParc (Wageningen University, Netherlands)

The one done at AlgaePARC will serve as CONTROL. We will simulate microgravity condition on Earth and running on parallel through the use of a (3D) clinostat or RPM.



### Wild Type *Chlorella vulgaris*

# Sophie's BioNutrients' Proprietary Pale Type *Chlorella vulgaris*



We use the microgravity research conducted on ISS to understand how the Earth's gravity is affecting the following,

- 1. The heterotrophic growth rate
- 2. The nutrition composition
- 3. The rigidity of cell wall & organelles change (e.g. Chloroplast)
- 4. The oxygen input and CO2 output of the heterotrophic cultivation
- 5. The amino acid content of the studied strains





SOM means penetrating approx. 0.1 % (estimated) of the EU alternative protein market by accessing DE, FR, NL, DK, BE, ES, PT by 2035.





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1	Expenditure on Manpower (In-kind)	
	Sophie's BioNutrients	36,000.00
	EOM Total	36,000.00
2	Equipment	
	AlgaePARC	7,000.00
	Equipment Total	7,000.00
3	Other DIRECT COSTS	
	Sophie's BioNutrients	5,000.00
	AlgaePARC	15,000.00
	Other Direct Costs Total	20,000.00
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	Total Direct Cost (excl EOM)	27,000.00
4	Indirect Costs	
	Sophie's BioNutrients	5,000.00
	AlgaePARC	5,000.00
	10.000.00	
5	Service Provider Cost (Please see file attached)	252,500.00
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6	Unexpected Cost (Like equipment or else)	10.000.00
	TOTAL FUND REQUESTED	299,500.00



		Likelihood of	Severity of				Cost of Risk
Risk	Impact	Occurence	Consequences	Risk Magnitude	Precaution Measures	Mitigation Plan	Mitigation
Budget Overrun	Cost	Medium	Medium	Low	Constant Budget Reviews	Finding Alternative Funding	Low
Pre-Flight Project Delay	Schedule	Medium	High	High	Periodic Meetings	Postpone to Next Flight	Low
Pre-Flight Contamination	Technical	Medium	High	High	Attention to The Purity of Culture and Medium	Work with Service Provider	Medium
In-Flight Tempreture Changes	Technical	Medium	High	Medium	Tempreture Monitoring	Work with Service Provider	Low
In-Flight Payload Malfunction	Technical	Medium	High	High	Multiple Pre-Flight Testings	Work with Service Provider	Low





**Eugene Wang** Co-founder & CEO

**20+ years** in food manufacturing

Successfully exited Sophie's Kitchen Plant-Based Seafood

MBA from Columbia Business School



Marieke Vanthoor

Algae production expert and food process technologist

PhD growth of sponges (WUR) MSc Bioprocess Engineer (WUR + Avans Breda)



Kirin Tsuei Co-founder & CCO

**20+ years** in global supplement companies

MS in Nutrition Science from UC Davis

Licensed Dietitian



**Chen-Han Shih** CSO

**10+ years** in microalgae research

PhD in Biosystems Engineering from The University of Arizona



**Our Partners** 









### **Our Mission**

Decoupling protein supply from arable land & reducing the environmental footprint

Let's make EU a sustainable protein powerhouse!!!

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### **Our Vision**

To make microalgae protein available even on Mars



Eugene Wang Co-Founder & CEO at Sophie's BioNutrients

