



## Stake Technology Shareholders Approve Name Change

**Toronto, Ontario, June 19, 2003.** Stake Technology Ltd. (Stake) (Nasdaq - STKL) (TSX - SOY) today said that a majority of its shareholders approved a special resolution to change the Company's name to SunOpta Inc. (SunOpta) at its Annual General Meeting held in Toronto on June 18, 2003.

The Company said the name, SunOpta, better describes its business in the natural and organic food sector and combines the names of two of its food operations: the SunRich Food Group and Opta Food Ingredients.

"We believe the name SunOpta reflects our environmental and organic commitment to products nourished in the 'sun' with 'optimal' nutritional value and environmental responsibility. The inclusion of 'Technology' in our name is no longer appropriate to our focus in the growing integrated natural and organic food business," explained Jeremy N. Kendall, Chairman and CEO.

Mr. Kendall said the firm plans to maintain its corporate trading symbols of "STKL" on Nasdaq and "SOY" on the TSX and will gradually implement the name change within the organization over the next several months.

Stake Technology Ltd. is an owner/operator of high-growth ethical businesses, focusing on integrated business models in the natural and organic food markets. For the last fifth consecutive years, Stake was included in Profit magazine's 'Profit 100' list of the 100 fastest growing companies in Canada. Currently, the company has three business units: the Food Group, which specializes in identity-preserved (IP) grain products and natural and organic food products; from seed to packaged product; the Environmental Industrial Group; a producer, distributor, and recycler of industrial materials; and the Steam Explosion Technology Group who market clean pulping technologies. Each of these business units has proprietary products and services that give it a solid competitive advantage in its sector.

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