

## Pond Technologies Holdings Inc. Provides Update on Find Familiar Spirits: Macabre Spirits Announces Successful Launch and Immediate Sell-Out of Ghost Face Vodka

Vancouver, British Columbia – February 19, 2026 – TheNewswire – Pond Technologies Holdings Inc. (“Pond” or the “Company”) (TSXV: POND) is pleased to provide shareholders with an update on the business of Find Familiar Spirits, LLC (“FFS”), with which the Company entered into a non-binding letter of intent dated October 27, 2025, in respect of a proposed reverse takeover transaction (the “**Proposed Transaction**”), pursuant to the policies of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Macabre Spirits, a premium spirits brand wholly owned by FFS and co-founded by Matthew Lillard (Scream franchise, Scooby Doo) and screenwriter Justin Ware, today announced the successful launch of Ghost Face Vodka on February 9, 2026 (the “**Release**”). Developed in partnership with Fun World, the creator and owner of the iconic Ghost Face mask and costume that gained worldwide fame through the Scream films, the launch saw the initial limited-edition collectible set sell out in two hours on its first day of availability, demonstrating overwhelming demand from fans.

The launch was timed a few weeks ahead of Lillard’s highly anticipated return as Stu Macher in Scream 7 (releasing February 27, 2026), the latest installment in the iconic Scream franchise, which consists of six films that have collectively grossed over \$910 million worldwide at the box office.<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scream\\_\(franchise\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scream_(franchise))

Ghost Face Vodka is a premium spirit distilled in Germany from 100% non-GMO potatoes. It is naturally gluten-free and exhibits a clean, smooth profile, creamy mid-palate, and silky finish, suitable for enjoying neat or in cocktails.

The initial limited-edition collectible set included:

- A multi-faceted Italian glass bottle with high-quality labeling
- A bottle hand-signed by Macabre Spirits co-founder Matthew Lillard (available in limited quantities)
- A limited-edition collector's box
- Exclusive Ghost Face Vodka glassware and enamel pins
- Access via QR code to "GFV Killer Bash," a custom social party game developed exclusively for the launch

The complete set was priced at USD\$160 and was available exclusively direct-to-consumer at GhostFaceVodka.com. Due to the immediate sell-out on launch day, availability is now exhausted, though Macabre Spirits plans to announce additional Ghost Face product releases in the coming months. FFS will provide additional details regarding the product releases.



A broader retail rollout in select U.S. states is planned for later in 2026.

Matthew Lillard, co-founder of Macabre Spirits, commented: "The response to Ghost Face Vodka has been incredible, selling out on day one. At Macabre Spirits, we focus on delivering premium spirit experiences tailored to the horror community. Partnering with Fun World on Ghost Face Vodka has allowed us to bring an iconic brand to fans in a new format — a high-quality, collectible product that clearly resonates with the strong enthusiasm for the franchise."

Grant Smith, CEO of Pond Technologies, stated: “We are thrilled by the successful launch and immediate sell-out of Ghost Face Vodka from Find Familiar Spirits’ Macabre Spirits brand. This milestone underscores the significant growth potential and innovative, fandom-focused business model of FFS as we continue to advance toward completion of the Proposed Transaction.”

### **About Find Familiar Spirits**

Find Familiar Spirits creates premium spirits brands targeted at dedicated enthusiast communities (“fandoms”), both independently and through partnerships with intellectual property holders, celebrities, and other collaborators. Its brands include Quest’s End Whiskey (fantasy/gaming) and Macabre Spirits (horror). Products are sold primarily direct-to-consumer, with expanding retail distribution.

### **About Pond Technologies Holdings Inc.**

Located in Markham, Ontario, Pond Technologies has developed proprietary technology for controlled cultivation of microalgae in photobioreactors, enabling CO2 abatement and production of high-value ingredients. The Company currently markets Organic Spirulina and Astaxanthin under its Regenurex brand.

### **Cautionary Note Regarding the Proposed Transaction**

*Completion of the Proposed Transaction remains subject to a number of conditions, including execution of a definitive agreement, receipt of all required regulatory, shareholder, and TSX Venture Exchange approvals, completion of a concurrent financing, and other customary closing conditions. There can be no assurance that the Proposed Transaction will be completed as proposed or at all.*

*Investors are cautioned that, except as disclosed in the management information circular or filing statement to be prepared in connection with the Proposed Transaction, any information released or received with respect to the Proposed Transaction may not be accurate or complete and should not be relied upon.*

*The TSX Venture Exchange Inc. has in no way passed upon the merits of the Proposed Transaction and has neither approved nor disapproved the contents of this news release.*

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