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Santana Equestrian Private Financial Inc. (OTC: SEQP) Expands Sustainability Portfolio with Florida-Grown Açaí Pilot Program

The açaí palm (Euterpe oleracea)—native to the Amazon—produces dark purple berry clusters highly prized in the food and beverage industry.

Background

Euterpe oleracea, commonly known as **açaí**, is a palm tree originating in the Amazon rainforest. Its berry has exploded in popularity as a superfood in the American market, appearing in smoothies, bowls, supplements, and skincare. The United States is now one of the dominant consumers of açaí, with rising import volumes and açaí-based products flooding shelves.

However, fresh açaí fruit is almost never available outside its native region because it degrades rapidly after harvest. Within 24 hours, berries lose nutrients and begin to spoil, forcing producers to flash-freeze, puree, or dry the pulp for export. American consumers typically only access açaí in frozen or powder form—*truly fresh fruit is “almost impossible to obtain” outside Brazil*. Freezing and preservatives add cost, complexity, and can diminish the fruit’s natural qualities.



Clusters of ripe açai berries hang from palm fronds; the fruit's perishability makes domestic cultivation a potential game-changer.

Pilot Program Overview

Seeing an opportunity to deliver **fresher, higher-quality açai** to U.S. consumers, **Santana Equestrian Private Financial (SEQP)** is launching a **pilot cultivation program in Canal Point, Florida**. SEQP's **Soil Division** will partner with local agricultural farmers to **adapt the Brazilian açai palm to Florida's environment** with the goal of establishing a **home-grown, fully organic açai** supply.

A key to this initiative is SEQP's proprietary **BioActivium™ soil**—an organic fertilizer and soil enhancer developed from equestrian waste composting—engineered to improve soil fertility and carbon content. By rehabilitating and fortifying Florida soil with BioActivium, SEQP aims to replicate the **nutrient-rich conditions of the Amazon floodplains** in which açai palms thrive. Similar agricultural trials in Hawaii found that matching Amazonian soil nutrients was essential for successfully fruiting açai palms outside their native habitat.



BioActivium™ organic soil, developed by SEQP, will be applied in the Canal Point pilot to support açai palm adaptation and growth.

Strategic Significance

If successful, the pilot will make it possible to deliver **farm-to-consumer açai** grown in the USA—eliminating the need for freezing, long-distance shipping, and chemical preservatives. Fresh, U.S.-grown açai could provide unmatched **“tree-to-bowl”** quality in organic beverages, appealing to the health food and functional beverage sectors.

Domestic cultivation would also:

- Reduce transportation emissions
 - Strengthen local agriculture partnerships
 - Diversify SEQP’s high-value crop portfolio
 - Showcase BioActivium’s ability to convert nutrient-poor land into fertile farmland
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Brazil’s Pará region dominates global açai production; SEQP aims to replicate these conditions in Florida for the first time at scale.

Açai Cultivation Pilot Initiative in Florida

*Clusters of açaí berries harvested from palm fronds. The açaí palm is native to the Amazon, and its dark purple fruits are highly perishable, spoiling within **24 hours** of harvest.*

Background: *Euterpe oleracea*, commonly known as **açaí**, is a palm tree originating in the Amazon rainforest. Its berry has exploded in popularity as a **superfood** in the American market, found in everything from smoothies and bowls to supplements and skincare. The United States is now one of the dominant consumers of açaí, with **import volumes rising and açaí-based products flooding shelves** to meet demand. However, fresh açaí fruit is almost never available outside its native region because it **degrades rapidly** after picking. Within a day of harvest, açaí berries lose nutrients and turn rancid, so producers must **flash-freeze, puree, or dry** the pulp immediately for export. This means American consumers typically get açaí in frozen or powder form, as truly fresh fruit **“is almost impossible to obtain”** outside Brazil. The need for freezing and preservatives not only adds cost and complexity to the supply chain but can also diminish the fruit’s natural qualities.

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Strategic Significance: If successful, this pilot could pave the way for **farm-to-table açaí** products that are **grown in the USA** rather than imported. Locally cultivated açaí would allow SEQP to deliver the fruit **straight from Florida farms to consumers, eliminating the need for freezing, long-distance transport, and added preservatives** that current imported açaí products require. Experts note that because açaí berries have such a brief shelf life, growing them closer to their market ensures consumers get a much **fresher and higher-quality product**. The ability to offer *“tree-to-bowl”* freshness in organic açaí

beverages could become a unique selling point in the health food and functional beverage industry. Additionally, domestic cultivation cuts down on transportation emissions and aligns with the broader trend of local, sustainable sourcing. SEQP's use of BioActivium in this project also showcases the synergy between its soil-rehabilitation technology and new crop opportunities: by turning nutrient-poor land into fertile farms, the company can diversify into high-value crops like açai. It should be emphasized that this **Florida açai initiative remains a strategic pilot program** at an early stage. SEQP is focusing on research and development of cultivation techniques and will not be issuing any revenue or volume forecasts at this time. The açai pilot has been included as a strategic note in the company's latest **OTC Markets disclosure** and is being announced via a standalone press release to inform stakeholders of the venture. The company believes this initiative, while exploratory, aligns with its mission of sustainable agriculture and innovation. By potentially becoming one of the first to produce **organic U.S.-grown açai**, SEQP could eventually help secure a domestic supply of this sought-after superfruit – delivering **fresher, preservative-free açai** to American consumers and adding a novel, eco-friendly dimension to its agricultural portfolio.

Sources: Santana Equestrian PR/Disclosure; Tropical Açai (industry insights); Specialty Produce (açai fruit facts); Baía Food Co. (açai market); Tropical Açai blog (US market data).

Status

This initiative remains an **early-stage strategic pilot** with no revenue or volume forecasts at this time. It is included as a strategic note in SEQP's latest OTC Markets disclosure and is being announced as part of the Company's sustainability and innovation roadmap.

Forward-Looking Statements

This release contains forward-looking statements subject to risks, uncertainties, and assumptions. Actual results may differ materially due to environmental conditions, regulatory factors, and operational challenges.

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