# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 13, 2023

# VERANO HOLDINGS CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

| British Columbia<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation)   | 000-56342<br>(Commission<br>File Number)              | 98-1583243<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.)                     |
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| 224 West Hill Street, Suite 400,<br>Chicago, Illinois<br>(Address of Principal Executive Offi                   | ices)   | 60610<br>(Zip Code)  |
| (Regis  | (312) 265-0730<br>trant's Telephone Number, Including | g Area Code)   |
| (Former Na  | N/A<br>me or Former Address, if Changed S             | Since Last Report)   |
| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K fi following provisions:  | ling is intended to simultaneously sa                 | tisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of th          |
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| ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant  | to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange                   | Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))  |
| Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the A  | ct:   |  |
| Title of each class   | Trading Symbol  | Name of each exchange on which registered                              |
| N/A   | N/A   | N/A  |
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# Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

(d) On October 13, 2023, Verano Holdings Corp. (the "Company") received final approval from the Neo Exchange Inc., operating as Cboe Canada ("Cboe"), to transfer the listing of its Class A subordinate voting shares, no par value (the "SV Shares"), from the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "CSE") to the Cboe on the morning of Wednesday, October 18, 2023. The Company has received CSE approval to delist the SV Shares from the CSE at the close of market on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

The SV Shares will continue to trade on the Cboe under the stock symbol, "VRNO" and on the OTCQX under the stock symbol, "VRNOF". Trading of the SV Shares is not expected to be disrupted in any way and current shareholders do not need to take any action.

# Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 16, 2023, the Company issued a press release in connection with the final approval from the Cboe. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

In accordance with General Instruction B-2 of Form 8-K, the information set forth in or incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. 99.1 Description
Press Release issued on October 16, 2023
Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

# **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains certain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are not representative of historical facts or information or current condition, but instead represent only the Company's beliefs regarding future events, plans or objectives, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and outside of the Company's control. Generally, such forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "future", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or may contain statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will be taken", "will continue", "will occur" or "will be achieved". Forward-looking statements involve and are subject to assumptions and known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors which may cause actual events, results, performance, or achievements of the Company to be materially different from future events, results, performance, and achievements expressed or implied by forward-looking statements herein, including, without limitation, the risk factors discussed in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 and subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for 2023 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov. The forward-looking statements contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K are made as of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K, and the Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking information or forward-looking statements that are contained or referenced herein, except as may be required in accordance with applicable securities laws. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking information and

# **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

VERANO HOLDINGS CORP.

Date: October 16, 2023 By: /s/ Laura Marie Kalesnik

Name: Laura Marie Kalesnik

Title: Chief Legal Officer, General Counsel & Secretary



## Verano to Commence Trading on Choe Canada on October 18, 2023

Company Executives to Ring Opening Bell in Toronto, Marking Verano's First Day of Trading on Choe Canada

CHICAGO, October 16, 2023 – Verano Holdings Corp. (CSE: VRNO) (OTCQX: VRNOF) ("Verano" or the "Company"), a leading multi-state cannabis company, announced that it has received final approval to commence trading of its Class A subordinate voting shares (the "Shares") on Canada's Neo Exchange Inc., operating as Cboe Canada ("Cboe Canada"), on October 18, 2023. The Shares will continue trading in Canada on Cboe Canada under the same symbol "VRNO" and in the U.S. on the OTCQX under the same symbol "VRNOF."

"Today marks a significant step forward in Verano's evolution as we continue to elevate our capital markets strategy," said George Archos, Verano Founder and Chief Executive Officer. "We thank the Canadian Securities Exchange for their partnership during our initial launch into the public markets and look forward to forging our new partnership with Cboe Canada, which is part of a global platform across 26 markets. We believe this move will benefit our shareholders and we will continue to explore options to further strengthen our dynamic capital markets strategy, which we have built to evolve alongside our rapidly changing industry."

The Shares will delist from the Canadian Securities Exchange at the close of market on October 17, 2023, before commencing trading on Cboe Canada the morning of October 18, 2023. Trading of the Company's securities is not expected to be disrupted in any way and current shareholders do not need to take any action.

The bell ringing ceremony can be viewed at 9:20 a.m. ET at: <a href="https://cboe.zoom.us/webinar/register/5316973125648/WN\_qTKn3oQdSm6v3KoJ5BToHQ#/registration">https://cboe.zoom.us/webinar/register/5316973125648/WN\_qTKn3oQdSm6v3KoJ5BToHQ#/registration</a>

#### **About Verano**

Verano Holdings Corp. (CSE: VRNO) (OTCQX: VRNOF), one of the U.S. cannabis industry's leading companies based on historical revenue, geographic scope and brand performance, is a vertically integrated, multi-state operator embracing a mission of saying <u>Yes</u> to plant progress and the bold exploration of cannabis. Verano offers a superior cannabis shopping experience in medical and adult use markets under the Zen Leaf<sup>™</sup> and MÜV<sup>™</sup> dispensary banners and produces a comprehensive suite of high-quality, regulated cannabis products sold under its diverse portfolio of trusted consumer brands including Verano<sup>™</sup>, MÜV<sup>™</sup>, Savvy<sup>™</sup>, BITS<sup>™</sup>, Encore<sup>™</sup>, and Avexia<sup>™</sup>. Verano's active operations span 13 U.S. states, comprised of 14 production facilities with over 1,000,000 square feet of cultivation capacity. Learn more at <a href="https://www.verano.com">www.verano.com</a>.

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# **Forward Looking Statements**

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