# **GFI ANNOUNCES WIND-DOWN OF OPERATIONS**

## Sudden Rapid Slowdown Hindering Debt Service

**Toronto, Ontario – May 7, 2024** – Global Food and Ingredients Ltd. (TSXV: PEAS) ("**GFI**" or the "**Company**"), today announced plans to commence an orderly wind-down of its business operations. The wind-down is a result of recent macro-economic events, which have caused GFI to experience challenges in purchasing adequate supplies of raw material inputs for its processing assets, which has resulted, and is expected to continue to, result in a material decline in the Company's sales and gross profit until new raw material supply becomes available from the fall 2024 Canadian harvest.

Management and the board of directors have determined that these challenges will make it near impossible for the Company to continue to operate and service its debts, leaving no other option than to wind-down its operations. The board of directors of GFI and its financial advisors have conducted an extensive and exhaustive review of all available and credible alternatives for the Company to allow it to continue its business operations, including but not limited to, the refinancing or sale of existing processing facilities, bridge financing options and/or a sale of all or a material portion of GFI's assets/business, but was unsuccessful in securing a viable solution. The Company will be working with its lenders to sell its assets in an orderly fashion.

During the course of the wind-down of its operations, the Company will continue to comply with its continuous disclosure obligations in accordance with applicable laws. The Company remains in good standing with its transfer agent.

In light of the foregoing, each of the directors of the Company have resigned. There have been no changes to the officers of the Company.

### About GFI

GFI is a Canadian plant-based food and ingredients company, connecting the local farm to the global supply chain for peas, beans, lentils, chickpeas and other high protein specialty crops. GFI is headquartered in Toronto, Canada and operations in Western Canada and North Carolina, USA.

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