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United States Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance 100 F Street, N.E. Judiciary Plaza Washington, D.C. 20549

- Attention: Tracie Mariner Angela Connell Daniel Crawford Celeste Murphy
- Re: Haymaker Acquisition Corp. III Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A Filed February 11, 2022 File No. 001-40128

Dear Mses. Mariner, Connell and Murphy and Mr. Crawford:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Haymaker Acquisition Corp. III (the "<u>Company</u>") in response to the comments of the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance (the "<u>Staff</u>") of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>") with respect to the Company's Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on February 11, 2022 (the "<u>Preliminary Proxy Statement</u>"), as set forth in your letter dated March 16, 2022, addressed to Steven J. Heyer, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Company (the "<u>Comment Letter</u>"). The Company is concurrently filing Amendment No. 1 to the Preliminary Proxy Statement (the "<u>Revised Proxy Statement</u>"), which includes changes that reflect responses to the Staff's comments.

The responses provided herein are based upon information provided to DLA Piper LLP (US) by the Company. For reference purposes, the text of the Comment Letter has been reproduced herein with the response below the comment. For your convenience, we have italicized the reproduced Staff comments from the Comment Letter. Defined terms used in this letter not otherwise defined have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Revised Proxy Statement.

Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed February 11, 2022

Questions and Answers About the Proposals for Stockholders

Q: What equity stake will current stockholders of the Company hold in the Combined Company after the closing?, page 21

1. Please revise to disclose all possible sources and extent of dilution that shareholders who elect not to redeem their shares may experience in connection with the business combination. Provide disclosure of the impact of each significant source of dilution, including the amount of equity held by founders, convertible securities, including warrants retained by redeeming shareholders, at each of the redemption levels detailed in your sensitivity analysis, including any needed assumptions.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 12, 13, 23, 41, 42, 43, 44, 148, 149 and 180 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

Q: Can the Sponsor redeem its founder shares in connection with consummation of the business combination?, page 28

2. We note that certain shareholders agreed to waive their redemption rights. Please describe any consideration provided in exchange for this agreement.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 29, 32, 139, 213, 293 and 294 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

Summary of the Proxy Statement

Interests of Certain Persons in the Business Combination, page 45

3. Please quantify the aggregate dollar amount and describe the nature of what the sponsor and its affiliates have at risk that depends on completion of a business combination. Include the current value of securities held, loans extended, fees due, and out-of-pocket expenses for which the sponsor and its affiliates are awaiting reimbursement. Provide similar disclosure for the company's officers and directors, if material.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 15, 16, 17, 47, 48, 99, 100, 140, 141, 177, 178, 222 and 223 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

4. Please highlight the risk that the sponsor will benefit from the completion of a business combination and may be incentivized to complete an acquisition of a less favorable target company or on terms less favorable to shareholders rather than liquidate.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 16, 48, 100, 101, 141, 178 and 223 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

5. Please disclose the sponsor and its affiliates' total potential ownership interest in the combined company, assuming exercise and conversion of all securities.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 16, 48, 99, 109, 140, 141, 178, 222 and 223 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

6. Please clarify if the sponsor and its affiliates can earn a positive rate of return on their investment, even if other SPAC shareholders experience a negative rate of return in the post-business combination company.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 16, 48, 99, 101, 140, 178 and 222 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information, page 121

7. It appears that underwriting fees remain constant and are not adjusted based on redemptions. Revise your disclosure to disclose the effective underwriting fee on a percentage basis for shares at each redemption level presented in your sensitivity analysis related to dilution.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on page 182 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

<u>Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information</u> <u>Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information</u> <u>5. Adjustments to Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2021, page 128</u>

8. With respect to pro forma adjustment 5(e) to record the preliminary fair value of the Earnout Securities, please revise to disclose the significant assumptions used in the Monte Carlo simulation valuation model.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on page 134 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

<u>Proposal No. 1 - The Business Combination Proposal</u> <u>Background of the Business Combination, page 158</u>

9. We note that Citigroup performed additional services after the IPO and part of the IPO underwriting fee was deferred and conditioned on completion of a business combination. Please quantify the aggregate fees payable to Citigroup that are contingent on completion of the business combination.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on page 167 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

10. We note your disclosure on page 160 that you engaged financial advisors. Please expand your discussion here to disclose the role of each financial advisor, including, without limitation, the level of diligence performed by each financial advisor.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on page 167 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

11. Please revise the background section to provide additional detail regarding the target businesses other than Biote that you executed indications of interest and letters of intent with. Include, without limitation, the industries of the target businesses, proposed valuations, who identified the target, who participated in negotiations with the targets, when the targets were identified, and when negotiations ceased. To the extent that any preliminary proposals were submitted, please disclose all material proposal terms, including transaction structure, valuation, and equity split distribution.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on page 165 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

12. Please revise this section to disclose Closing Date Cash distribution negotiations. Include, without limitation, the identities of participants, when negotiations occurred, and changes in the distribution order and amounts throughout the negotiations.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 168 and 169 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

13. Please revise this section to describe the negotiations where your Sponsor, Directors and Officers agreed to waive their redemption rights.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on page 164 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

14. We note this section rarely identifies specific individuals, but instead makes generalizations such as "directors and officers" and "representatives." Please revise this section to provide the identity of individuals involved in negotiations or other activities.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 164 through 169 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

15. Please disclose who identified Biote and how Biote was identified.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on page 165 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

Information About the Company Conflicts of Interest, page 211

16. We note your disclosure on page 212 that each of your directors presently has fiduciary or contractual obligations to another entity pursuant to which such officer or director is or will be required to present a business combination opportunity to such entity. Please revise your disclosure to clarify how the board considered those conflicts in negotiating and recommending the business combination.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on page 224 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

The Company's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Recent Developments

Tax Receivable Agreement, page 218

- 17. We note your disclosure stating that, simultaneously with the Closing, the Combined Company, Biote, the Members and the Members' Representative will enter into the Tax Receivable Agreement ("TRA"), which will provide for, among other things, payment by the Combined Company to the Members of 85% of the U.S. federal, state and local income tax savings realized by the Combined Company as a result of the increases in tax basis and certain other tax benefits related to the transactions contemplated under the Business Combination Agreement and the redemption of Retained Biote Units in exchange for Class A common stock or cash. Provided your disclosure, on page 116, stating that the payments you expect to make under the TRA will be substantial and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, please address the following points:
 - Tell us your consideration of disclosing the estimated amount of the obligation under the TRA, or an estimated range, and the method and assumptions used to estimate it.
 - Tell us your consideration of including a qualitative and quantitative discussion of the TRA in the notes to your pro forma financial statements.
 - Tell us your consideration of including the obligation under the TRA as an adjustment to your pro forma financial statements.
 - Expand your disclosure in liquidity and capital resources, within MD&A, to discuss the duration of the term of the TRA, the anticipated timing of the payments, how the payments will be recorded in your financial statements, the effect such payments will have on your financial position and results of operations, and how you intend to fund the payments.
 - Tell us your consideration of disclosing the TRA as a critical accounting policy within MD&A.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 38, 39, 127, 128, 133, 134, 135, 162, 163, 229, 232, 313 and 314 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

Further, the Company acknowledges the Staff's comment in regard to disclosing the Tax Receivable Agreement as a critical accounting policy within the Company's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and respectfully advises the Staff that the Company believes the accounting for the Tax Receivable Agreement will be an accounting policy to be determined and disclosed by the Combined Company.

Information About Biote Overview, page 225

18. We note your disclosure on page 237 that you offer practitioners pellet insertion kits for use with hormone optimization therapies. Please revise your Overview section and Hormone Therapy section to disclose the pellet insertion process and how often your practitioners use this method to deliver hormone products as compared to other methods of delivery.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 83 and 250 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested. With respect to the Staff's request regarding disclosing how often practitioners use pellet insertion as compared to other methods of delivery, the Company respectfully advises the Staff that Biote does not have any influence over the treatment decisions of practitioners and therefore does not collect this information.

- 19. Please revise your disclosure to provide the sources relied on for the following statements:
 - "80% of medical residents reported feeling 'barely comfortable' discussing or treating menopause" on page 227;
 - "as many as 200 million Americans are affected by hormonal imbalance and approximately 80% are untreated" on page 227;
 - *"as of April 2021, 57% of the current global market for hormone products exists outside of North America" on page 235.*

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 236, 238 and 247 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

20. We note your disclosures that the Biote name has achieved strong brand recognition among practitioners and patients in the communities you serve on 226 and that you believe you are a leader in the practice-building market focused on the hormone optimization space on page 231. Please revise your disclosure to provide the basis for these statements.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 170, 243, 244 and 248 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

The Clinical Need to Treat Hormone Imbalance, page 227

- 21. We note you reference throughout this section observations, studies, trials, and published literature without identifying them. Please revise to disclose them. As a non-exhaustive list, we note you do not:
 - disclose the identity of the prominent breast cancer surgeon who concluded that testosterone was demonstrated to be associated with a 39% reduction in the incidence of invasive breast cancer compared to the age-matched SEER expected incidence on page 227;
 - disclose the author and title of the systemic analysis concluding that estrogen with progesterone produces reductions in hip fractures, non-vertebral fractures and vertebral fractures on page 227;
 - identify the leading review of trials addressing therapy targeting hypoactive female sexual desire disorder on page 228;
 - disclose the title and authors of the meta-analyses concluding that testosterone therapy produces statistically significant improvement in multiple measures relating to menopausal women's sexual health on page 228; and
 - disclose the authors and titles of the published literature supporting the use of testosterone as a treatment for diabetes in hypogonadal men on page 228.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on pages 236 through 240 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

The Biote Difference, page 230

22. We note your disclosure on page 229 that Biote-certified practitioners can access FDA-registered outsourcing facilities that can supply hormone optimization therapies. Please expand your disclosure here to provide a discussion of FDA-registered compounding facilities. Include, without limitation, that Biote provides an option for the compounding of bioidentical hormone pellets that practitioners may order to prescribe, whether Biote receives compensation for the sale of pellets to practitioners, that pellets compounded by 503B outsourcing facilities are not subject to the FDA new drug approval process, and disclose the specific compounding facilities you have contracted with.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on page 241 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

Competition, page 239

23. Please revise this section to name your principal competitors, including, without limitation, their size, geographic range, services provided, and products sold.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and has modified its disclosure on page 252 of the Revised Proxy Statement as requested.

Haymaker Acquisition Corp. III Unaudited Condensed Financial Statements Note 2- Restatement of Previously Issued Financial Statements, page F-10

24. Please amend your filing to include your audited balance sheet as of March 4, 2021 to incorporate the error corrections disclosed under this heading, or explain to us why such amendment is not required. Provide an updated opinion from your auditor as part of that amendment.

Response: The Company acknowledges the Staff's comment and respectfully advises the Staff that, after the filing of the Revised Proxy Statement, the Company will amend its Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on March 11, 2021, to include its restated audited balance sheet as of March 4, 2021 and an updated opinion from the Company's auditor.

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Signature page immediately follows.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing responses or otherwise, please do not hesitate to call me at (212) 335-4509 or Stephen P. Alicanti at (212) 335-4783.

Sincerely,

DLA Piper LLP (US)

/s/ Sidney Burke Sidney Burke Partner

cc: Christopher Bradley, Haymaker Acquisition Corp. III Stephen P. Alicanti, DLA Piper LLP (US) Michal Berkner, Cooley LLP Ryan Sansom, Cooley LLP Peter Byrne, Cooley LLP