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February 6, 2024

### VIA EDGAR

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance Office of Life Sciences 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549

Attn: Jenna Do Angela Connell Tyler Howes Suzanne Hayes

Re: Metagenomi, Inc.

Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-276413) Request for Acceleration of Effective Date

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Rule 461 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), we, as representatives of the several underwriters, hereby join in the request of Metagenomi, Inc. (the "Company") for acceleration of the effective date of the above-referenced Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended, so that it becomes effective at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time on February 8, 2024, or as soon thereafter as practicable, or at such other time as the Company or its outside counsel, Goodwin Procter LLP, request by telephone that such Registration Statement be declared effective.

Pursuant to Rule 460 under the Act, we, as representatives of the several underwriters, wish to advise you that there will be distributed to each underwriter or dealer, who is reasonably anticipated to participate in the distribution of the security, as many copies of the preliminary prospectus as appears to be reasonable to secure adequate distribution of the preliminary prospectus.

We, the undersigned, as representatives of the several underwriters, have complied and will comply, and we have been informed by the participating underwriters that they have complied and will comply, with the requirements of Rule 15c2-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC JEFFERIES LLC COWEN AND COMPANY, LLC WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC BMO CAPITAL MARKETS CORP.

As representatives of the several underwriters listed in Schedule 1 to the Underwriting Agreement

#### J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC

By: /s/ Benjamin Burdett

Name: Benjamin Burdett

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