

## **Citation Growth Corp. Provides Update on Operations and Response to Covid-19**

**CALGARY, LAS VEGAS AND DESERT HOT SPRINGS** – March 23, 2020 – **Citation Growth Corp. (CSE:CGRO) (OTCQX:CGOTF) (“Citation” or the “Company”)**, a licensed multi-state cannabis cultivator, producer and retailer, has completed a comprehensive review of all operations in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and is pleased to report that no interruptions to its business will occur at this time.

Citation’s management team met with all staff to begin the week and the operations team put the following proactive measures into place immediately:

- All operations were thoroughly sanitized and additional hygiene protocols were put into place to exceed public health guidelines set out by the states of California and Nevada;
- All employees are self-accessing for Covid-19 using tools provided by various government agencies and anyone displaying symptoms has been asked to seek medical attention and remain at home for 14 days;
- Staff at all facilities will work either in isolation or at a minimum distance of 6 feet from other co-workers and customers at all times;
- Lunch and regular work breaks will be staggered in order to minimize staff contact;
- Non-operational staff, including management, were encouraged to work from home until further notice and all IT security systems were enhanced to allow for remote work.

### **NEVADA CULTIVATION AND PRODUCTION**

Earlier last week, Nevada Governor, Steve Sisolak, instructed all non-essential businesses to cease operations for the next 30 days in response to the state's public health efforts to contain COVID-19. Licensed cannabis cultivation and production facilities remain open and Citation continues to operate without issue. The staff have all committed to working in compliance with social distancing guidelines and will tend to their duties in near isolation whenever possible. Contingency planning will continue to be reviewed on a daily basis via conference calls with management.

### **CALIFORNIA RETAIL DISPENSARY**

On Thursday, March 19, California Governor, Gavin Newsom, announced a new order for all residents to stay at home and for all non-essential businesses to close. Essential services, including cannabis dispensaries, are allowed to remain open and Citation’s Desert Hot Springs dispensary, Green Leaf Wellness, continues to provide cannabis to patients. Staff has worked tirelessly to sanitize the entire shop, implement a 6-foot barrier between all people inside and not allow more than two customers in the shop at any time. Green Leaf Wellness has seen a big jump in sales since the outbreak of Covid-19 as customers can also utilize an express window at the dispensary with delivery service available should it be needed.

“This is obviously an unprecedented and very trying time for everyone,” CEO Erik Anderson stated. “I am so impressed with how quickly our operations teams in Nevada and California implemented new safety measures to combat the Covid-19 threat. They all put in the extra work to ensure our facilities were properly sterilized and that co-worker and customer interaction is conducted in complete compliance with state guidelines for health and safety.”

Citation will continue to monitor the Covid-19 pandemic and stay proactive with health and safety protocols at all company locations.

**About Citation Growth Corp.**

Citation Growth Corp. (CSE:CGRO) (OTCQX:CGOTF) is a publicly traded company that has been investing in the development of medical and recreational cannabis products since 2014. Citation has expanded its operating portfolio to include cultivation, production and retail offerings in our key North American legal jurisdictions Nevada, California, Washington and British Columbia. For more information, please visit [www.citationgrowth.com](http://www.citationgrowth.com).

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**Cannabis Industry Involvement:**

The Company owns marijuana licenses in California and Nevada. Marijuana is legal in each state; however, marijuana remains illegal under United States federal law and the approach to enforcement of U.S. federal law against marijuana is subject to change. Shareholders and investors need to be aware that federal enforcement actions could adversely affect their investments and that the Company’s ability to support continuing U.S.-based operations and its access private and public capital could be materially adversely affected.

The Company’s business is conducted in a manner consistent with state law and is in compliance with applicable state licensing requirements in the U.S. The Company has internal compliance procedures in place and has compliance focused attorneys engaged in jurisdictions to monitor changes in laws for compliance with U.S. federal and state law on an ongoing basis. These law firms inform any necessary changes to our policies and procedures for compliance in Canada and the U.S.

Unlike in Canada which has Federal legislation uniformly governing the cultivation, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis under the Cannabis Act (Canada), readers are cautioned that in the U.S., cannabis is largely regulated at the state level. Notwithstanding the permissive regulatory environment of medical cannabis at some of the state level, cannabis continues to be categorized as a controlled substance under the Controlled Substances Act in the U.S. and as such, cannabis-related practices or activities, including without limitation, the manufacture, importation, possession, use or distribution of cannabis are illegal under U.S. federal law. Strict compliance with state laws with respect to cannabis will neither absolve the Company of

liability under the U.S. federal law, nor will it provide a defense to any U.S. federal proceeding, which may be brought against the Company. Any such proceedings brought against the Company may materially adversely affect its operations and financial performance in the U.S. market.

### **Forward-Looking Statements:**

This news release contains forward-looking statements or information that relate to our current expectations and views of future events. These statements relate to future events or future performance. Statements which are not purely historical are forward-looking statements and include any statements regarding beliefs, plans, outlook, expectations or intentions regarding the future including words or phrases such as “anticipate”, “objective”, “may”, “will”, “might”, “should”, “could”, “can”, “intend”, “expect”, “believe”, “estimate”, “predict”, “potential”, “plan”, “is designed to”, “project”, “continue”, or similar expressions suggest future outcomes or the negative thereof or similar variations. Forward-looking statements may also include, among other things, statements about the future business strategy; expectations of obtaining licenses and permits; expectations regarding expenses, sales and operations; future customer concentration; anticipated cash needs and estimates regarding capital requirements and the need for additional financing; total processing capacity; the ability to anticipate the future needs of customers; plans for future products and enhancements of existing products; future growth strategy and growth rate; future intellectual property; changes in laws and regulations; regulatory approvals and other matters; and anticipated trends and challenges in the markets in which the Company may operate.

Such statements and information are based on numerous assumptions regarding present and future business strategies and the environment in which the Company will operate in the future, including the demand for our products; anticipated costs and ability to achieve goals; the Company’s ability to complete any contemplated transactions; historical prices of cannabis; and that there will be no regulation or law that will prevent the Company from operating its businesses; the state of the economy in general and capital markets in particular; present and future business strategies; the environment in which the Company will operate in the future; the estimated size of the cannabis market; and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. While such estimates and assumptions are considered reasonable by the management of the Company, they are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive and regulatory uncertainties and risks. Although the Company believes that the assumptions underlying these statements are reasonable, they may prove to be incorrect. Given these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the reader should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause the actual results to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including but not limited to: management estimated future capital expenditure costs, revenue, and timeframes for operations; business, economic and capital market conditions; the ability to manage the Company’s operating expenses, which may adversely affect the Company’s financial condition;

the Company's ability to remain competitive; regulatory uncertainties; market conditions and the demand and pricing for our products; exchange rate fluctuations; security threats; the Company's relationships with its customers, distributors and business partners; the Company's ability to attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel; industry competition; the impact of technology changes on the Company's products and industry; the Company's ability to successfully maintain and enforce its intellectual property rights and defend third-party claims of infringement of their intellectual property rights; the impact of litigation that could materially and adversely affect our business; the Company's ability to manage its working capital; and the Company's dependence on key personnel. The Company is not a positive cash flow company and it may not actually achieve its plans, projections, or expectations (the Company has a history of losses).

The securities of the Company are considered highly speculative due to the nature of the Company's businesses.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's expectations include, consumer sentiment towards the Company's products and cannabis generally; risks related to the Company's ability to maintain its licenses issued by governments in good standing; uncertainty with respect to the Company's ability to grow, store and sell cannabis; risks related to the costs required to meet the obligations related to regulatory compliance; risks related to the extensive control and regulations inherent in the industry in which the Company operates; risks related to governmental regulations, including those relating to taxes and other levies; risks related to an early stage business and a business involving an agricultural product and a regulated consumer product; risks related to building brand awareness in a new industry and market; risks relating to restrictions on sales and marketing activities imposed by governments; risks inherent in the agricultural business; risks relating to energy costs; risks relating to product liability claims, regulatory action and litigation; risks relating to recall or return of products; and risks relating to insurance coverage; global economic climate; equipment and building failures; increase in operating costs; decrease in the price of cannabis; security threats; government regulations; loss of key employees and consultants; additional funding requirements; volatility in the securities of the Company; changes in laws; technology failures; failure to obtain permits and licenses; anticipated and unanticipated costs; competition; risks associated with the substantial obligations of being a public company; and failure of counterparties to perform their contractual obligations. This list is not exhaustive of the factors that may affect the forward-looking statements. Should one or more of these risks and uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in the forward-looking statements.

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