

## AQUARIUS SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIES REPORTS RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

Toronto, Ontario March 1, 2021; AQUARIUS SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIES INC. (ASTI – CSE) (“the Corporation”) today reports the results of operations for the nine-month period ended December 31, 2020. All amounts referenced herein are in Canadian dollars.

The following table shows the results for the comparable periods:

	Aquarius Surgical Technologies Inc.			
	Condensed Consolidated Interim Statement of Comprehensive Loss (Unaudited)			
	(Expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated)			
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-19
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Sales</b>				
Equipment	-	79,745	-	405,758
Fiber sales	66,000	105,525	225,604	279,759
Equipment rental	8,760	-	8,760	17,103
Other	10,214	3,945	22,844	4,820
	<b>84,974</b>	<b>189,215</b>	<b>257,208</b>	<b>707,440</b>
<b>Cost of sales</b>	<b>41,548</b>	<b>123,644</b>	<b>138,933</b>	<b>399,609</b>
<b>Gross Margin</b>	<b>43,427</b>	<b>65,570</b>	<b>118,275</b>	<b>307,831</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
General and administrative (Note 12)	218,412	391,689	764,964	1,134,315
Bank charges and interest	93,305	78,115	278,039	236,937
Amortization (Notes 5)	33,902	32,400	101,707	99,208
	<b>345,620</b>	<b>502,204</b>	<b>1,144,710</b>	<b>1,470,460</b>
<b>Net loss before other items</b>	<b>(302,194)</b>	<b>(436,633)</b>	<b>(1,026,435)</b>	<b>(1,162,629)</b>
<b>Other items:</b>				
Gain on forgiveness CEBA loan	20,000	-	20,000	-
Interest income	4,058	3,759	11,151	11,149
<b>Net loss and comprehensive loss for the year</b>	<b>(278,134)</b>	<b>(432,874)</b>	<b>(995,284)</b>	<b>(1,151,480)</b>
<b>Loss per share, basic and diluted</b>	<b>(\$0.01)</b>	<b>(\$0.02)</b>	<b>(\$0.04)</b>	<b>(\$0.06)</b>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding, basic and diluted (Notes 8 and 13)	22,941,672	21,707,129	22,912,581	20,822,835

Revenues from operations for the period ended December 31, 2020 were \$257,208 compared to \$707,440 for the prior year. Cost of goods sold in the period ended December 31, 2020 was \$138,933 compared to \$399,609 in the prior year.

General and administrative expenses in the period ended December 31, 2020 were \$764,964 compared to \$1,134,315 in the prior period. Included in the current year's expenses is a provision of \$100,000 for possible inventory shortages and costs associated with an internal audit as discussed in Note 19 - Subsequent Events in the Interim Financial Statements.

Bank charges and interest in the period ended December 31, 2020 were \$278,236 compared to \$236,937 in the prior period. The charges in the current period include \$163,257 of imputed interest on the related party loan and convertible debenture (2019 - \$196,530).

Amortization expense in the period ended December 31, 2020 was \$101,707 compared to \$99,208 in the prior year.

Interest income in the period ended December 31, 2020 was \$11,151 compared to \$11,149 in the prior year.

The Corporation also recorded a \$20,000 Gain on forgiveness of the CEBA loan in the current year. There was no such amount in the prior year.

The net loss and comprehensive loss for the period ended December 31, 2020 was \$995,284 compared to \$1,151,480 in the prior year.

Subsequent to the end of the Period covered by the Financial Statements it was discovered that Gordon Willox, the (now former) President and Chief Technology Officer of Surgical Lasers Inc. (“SLI”), the principal operating subsidiary of the Corporation, together with a number of other (now former) employees and consultants/agents, had set up two new corporations, one in Canada and one in the USA, with the confusingly similar name of “Surgical Lasers Solutions Corp.” (“SLSC”) and have been operating in a competitive business to that of SLI, whilst using the facilities of and operating from SLI's office and at SLI's expense. Further, it was found that SLSC had taken two lasers from SLI's Inventory, sold them to a customer in the United States and collected US\$73,000. While steps are being taken towards recovery of those funds, the third party customer is unwilling to pay SLI US\$73,000 unless and until SLSC has repaid the US\$73,000 that it received from the customer. Additionally, it is apparent that other inventory and/or equipment belonging to SLI has been misappropriated by Mr. Willox/SLSC and sold. A full investigation is under way with a view to recovery of all and any property misappropriated and amounts due.

When the foregoing facts came to light, Mr. Willox was removed as a director and officer of SLI effective February 22, 2021, and steps are in process for his removal as a director of Aquarius Surgical Technologies.

In the Unaudited Interim Financial Statements, Management has made a provision of \$100,000 to cover expenses and possible inventory shortages. The Corporation has also recovered \$49,482 in unpaid management and consulting fees reported in prior periods and reduced these fees by \$52,983 in the current reporting period. In light of the foregoing, and until a full investigation and audit of the misappropriation by Mr. Willox and his associates has been completed, Management cannot be certain that it has yet discovered the full extent of or made sufficient provision for losses caused. Further, there can be no assurance that any property that has been taken can be located and recovered, or that any Judgment that may be obtained against Mr. Willox or SLSC will be recoverable.

The Corporation has filed its unaudited consolidated financial statements and management discussion and analysis for the third quarter ended December 31, 2020. Both are available under the Corporation's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). These and other corporate filings are also available on the CSE website [www.thecse.com](http://www.thecse.com) under the Corporation's symbol "ASTP".

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