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News Release

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Announces Shares for Debt Private Placement

Vancouver, B.C. – Ascent Industries Corp. (CSE: ASNT) (“Ascent” or the “Company”) announced today that in relation to the final settlement of Affected Creditor claims under CCAA proceedings, an aggregate of 35,572,372 Common Shares having an inferred value of \$889,309 were issued.

Further it settled outstanding indebtedness of \$180,000 through the issuance of 7,200,000 common shares of the Corporation at a deemed price of \$0.025 per Common Share.

About Ascent Industries Corp.

The Company's operations currently include facilities in the United States. In the United States, the Company holds licenses in Oregon (for processing and distribution of cannabis) and in Nevada (for cultivation and production, processing and wholesale distribution of cannabis) as well as licenses for the production of hemp-based cannabinoid wellness products.

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