



ASCENT INDUSTRIES CORP. ANNOUNCES APPLICATION TO TRADE ON THE OTCQX MARKET

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August 17, 2018 - Vancouver, British Columbia – Ascent Industries Corp. (CSE:ASNT) (“**Ascent**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the Company plans to make an application to become publicly traded on the OTCQX Market in the United States, including seeking DTC eligibility for its common shares. The company expects completion of the process in September.

Ascent also is in discussions to potentially expand its business to California this year. California is the largest cannabis market by population in the United States.

Philip Campbell, CEO of Ascent, commented, “We are excited to apply to cross-trade on the OTCQX Market as this will allow Ascent greater visibility to reach a broader range of investors in the US and access different pools of capital.”

Further Information

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About Ascent Industries Corp.

In Canada, Ascent (through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Agrima Botanicals) is a Licenced Producer under the *Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations* of Health Canada, with licences to cultivate cannabis and produce cannabis extracts. In addition, the Company is a Licenced Dealer under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (Canada)*, with the ability to produce, package, sell, send, transport and distribute medically focused cannabis products in Canada to other licenced entities and internationally in jurisdictions where medical cannabis is legal. In the United States, the Company holds licences in Oregon (for processing and for distribution of cannabis to any licenced entity in the state) and in Nevada (for cultivation and for production, processing and wholesale distribution of cannabis). In Europe, Agrima ApS, a Danish company and wholly-owned subsidiary of Ascent, has submitted licence applications for a Wholesaler Dealers Licence and Controlled Drug Licence in Denmark, and applications for the approval of eight products to the Danish Medical Cannabis Pilot Program.

The Company's operations currently include licenced facilities in British Columbia, Canada, and in Oregon and Nevada in the United States. The Company is increasing its cultivation and production capacity from 50,000 square feet to 710,000 square feet in 2018, from which it expects to produce significantly higher amounts of cannabis and cannabis oil to support its expanding operations.

The Company offers a product suite of more than 40 unique products under several consumer-focused brands, including gel capsules, tinctures, medicinal oils, concentrates, vaporizer pens, pre-rolled joints,

various edibles and raw flower. Through careful development of its sophisticated cannabis brands, Ascent is positioned to be a leader in branded, commercialized products in both medical and adult-use markets across North America and internationally.

In addition, the Company conducts cannabis-based research with Simon Fraser University, including in the area of unique cannabinoid formulations that produce targeted physiological outcomes.

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