



News Release

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ASCENT INDUSTRIES PROVIDES BI-WEEKLY DEFAULT STATUS REPORT

Vancouver, B.C. – Ascent Industries Corp. (CSE: ASNT) (“Ascent” or the “Company”) is providing this bi-weekly default status report in accordance with National Policy 12-203 Cease Trade Orders for Continuous Disclosure Defaults (“NP 12-203”).

On May 16, 2019, the Company announced that its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, including the related management discussion and analysis, and CEO and CFO certifications (collectively, the “Annual Filings”) were not filed by the required filing deadline of April 30, 2019.

As previously reported, Ascent is currently involved in proceedings under the *Companies Creditors Arrangement Act* (the “CCAA Proceeding”). Ascent is required to file bi-weekly default status reports in accordance with NP 12-203 until such time that the CCAA Proceeding is concluded or until the default in making the Annual Filings is remedied.

The Company reports that since its news release of July 30, 2019, there have been no material changes regarding the information contained in that news release. Further, there is no other material information concerning the affairs of the Company that has not been generally disclosed. The Company confirms that, since its news release of July 30, 2019, there have been no failures by it in fulfilling its stated intentions with respect to satisfying the provisions of the alternative information guidelines under NP 12-203, and the Company intends to file the Annual Filings as soon as possible.

About Ascent Industries Corp.

The Company's operations currently include facilities Oregon and Nevada in the United States. In the United States, the Company holds licenses in Oregon (for processing and for distribution of cannabis to any licensed entity in the state) and in Nevada (for cultivation and for production, processing and wholesale distribution of cannabis).

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