



## Avicanna Announces Option to Purchase Newly Formed US Cannabis Operator

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**Toronto, Ontario – November 26, 2019** – Avicanna Inc. ("**Avicanna**" or the "**Company**") (TSX: AVCN) (OTCQX: AVCNF) (FSE: 0NN), a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development, manufacturing and commercialization of organic and sustainable plant-derived cannabinoid-based products, is pleased to announce that it has entered into a license agreement (the "**License Agreement**") with LC2019, Inc. ("**LC2019**") pursuant to which the Company has agreed to license certain proprietary formulations and brand elements to LC2019 for commercialization in the United States. As consideration for entering into the License Agreement, LC2019 and its shareholders have entered into a definitive option agreement (the "**Option Agreement**") that grants Avicanna the option (the "**Option**") to acquire 100 percent of the issued and outstanding shares of LC2019, with such Option to be exercisable in the event that cannabis cultivation, processing, distribution and possession becomes federally legal in the United States (the "**Triggering Event**"). Avicanna may elect to waive the Triggering Event and exercise the Option at any time.

Additionally, Avicanna announces that Arash Moghani has stepped down as the Company's Chief Technology Officer and has advised Avicanna that he will be joining the executive leadership team at LC2019.

### Transaction Highlights:

- The License Agreement will enable LC2019 to commercialize Avicanna's Rho™ products and proprietary research-backed formulations in the US marketplace;
- LC2019 has advised Avicanna that it expects to establish a strong U.S. presence through the establishment of manufacturing and/or licensing arrangements on a state-by-state basis in states that permit the use of cannabis for recreational or medical purposes; and
- LC2019 has an experienced management team (which will now include Mr. Moghani) and Avicanna believes that LC2019 will be well positioned to create potential value for Avicanna shareholders should the Option be exercised or monetized in the future.

"We are thrilled to secure a strategy that will allow us to enter the United States as soon as federally permissible and, in the interim, provide an opportunity for our brands and science-driven product formulations to establish themselves in one of the largest and most exciting global markets for cannabis products," stated Setu Purohit, President of Avicanna.

### License Agreement

Under the terms of the License Agreement, Avicanna has granted LC2019 non-exclusive rights to use certain of Avicanna's intellectual property, including, but not limited to, copyrights and trademarks



associated with certain brands and proprietary product formulations. The License Agreement may be sub-licensed by LC2019 on similar terms and conditions. The License Agreement has a 10 year term and is subject to standard termination rights. The License Agreement contains standard representations, warranties and covenants of the parties.

### **Option Agreement**

Pursuant to the terms of the Option Agreement, upon the occurrence of the Triggering Event, Avicanna will exercise the Option and purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of LC2019, as follows: (i) all of the issued and outstanding Class A shares at a nominal amount; (ii) all of the issued and outstanding Class B shares at the applicable subscription price; and (iii) all of the issued and outstanding Class C shares for up to 10% of the increase in the fair market value of LC2019 between the date of the Option Agreement and the date that Avicanna provides notice of exercise to LC2019, up to a maximum aggregate amount of CDN\$10,000,000. Avicanna is entitled to elect to satisfy the purchase price in cash or through the issuance of common shares of Avicanna, in its sole discretion, subject to the approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange and in accordance with the policies of the Toronto Stock Exchange at such time. Additionally, Avicanna may elect to exercise the Option prior to the occurrence of the Triggering Event in its sole discretion or to assign the Option at any time.

The Option is exercisable for 10 years from the date of grant. The Option Agreement contains standard negative covenants, representations and warranties.

To the knowledge of the Company, it carries out its operations in compliance with all applicable laws in the jurisdictions in which it operates.

### **About LC2019, Inc.**

LC2019 was established to carry on cannabis related operations in the United States in accordance with State sanctioned cannabis programs. LC2019 is expected to produce Rho™ products and/or sub-license the rights to manufacture and sell such products pursuant to such State programs. As of the date hereof, the principal asset of LC2019 is the License Agreement.

### **About Avicanna**

Avicanna is an Ontario corporation focused on the development, manufacturing and commercialization of plant-derived cannabinoid-based products through its two main business segments, cultivation and research and development.

Avicanna's two majority-owned subsidiaries, Sativa Nativa S.A.S. and Santa Marta Golden Hemp S.A.S., both located in Santa Marta, Colombia are the base for Avicanna's cultivation activities. These two companies are licensed to cultivate and process cannabis for the production of cannabis extracts and purified cannabinoids including cannabidiol (CBD) and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

Avicanna's research and development business is primarily conducted out of Canada at its headquarters in the Johnson & Johnson Innovation Centre, JLABS @ Toronto. Avicanna's scientific team develops



products, and Avicanna has also engaged the services of researchers at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Toronto for the purpose of optimizing and improving upon its products.

Avicanna's research and development and cultivation activities are focused on the development of its key products, including plant-derived cannabinoid pharmaceuticals, phyto-therapeutics, derma-cosmetics and Extracts (defined as plant-derived cannabinoid extracts and purified cannabinoids, including distillates and isolates), with a goal of eventually having these products manufactured and distributed through various markets.

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