



Avicanna Enters Agreement to Develop and License Cannabinoid Tablet Formulations for US Distributor Partner

The agreement showcases Avicanna's expertise in cannabinoid product development and drug delivery across several delivery mechanisms

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Toronto, Ontario – Sept 29, 2020 – Avicanna Inc. ("**Avicanna**" or the "**Company**") (TSX: AVCN) (OTCQX: AVCNF) (FSE: ONN), 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 an agreement (the "**Agreement**") whereby Avicanna will develop certain hemp-derived cannabinoid-based products including sublingual and sustained released tablets intended for the sleep market (the "**Development Products**") for a US distributor ("**USCo**").

Under the Agreement, Avicanna will develop the intellectual property (the "**Development IP**") that forms the basis of the Development Products for a development fee. Based on the Development IP, USCo will manufacture, distribute and market the Development Products and will pay Avicanna an ongoing royalty payment based on the gross revenue of the Development Products. Avicanna will also have the opportunity to supply the cannabinoids for the manufacture of the Development Products.

Aras Azadian, CEO of Avicanna, commented: "We continue to demonstrate our advanced capabilities in formulation development, optimization and drug delivery for the cannabinoid industry which has utilities across CPG, adult use, medical and pharmaceutical applications. We also take pride in being selected by world class partners to provide our technology and intellectual property which in turn provides additional sources of revenue in the form of royalties."

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 Avicanna

Avicanna is a diversified and vertically integrated Canadian biopharmaceutical company focused on the research, development, and commercialization of plant-derived cannabinoid-based products for the global consumer, medical, and pharmaceutical market segments.

Avicanna is an established leader in cannabinoid research and development, which it primarily conducts at its R&D headquarters in the Johnson & Johnson Innovation Centre, JLABS @ Toronto, Canada and in collaboration with leading Canadian academic and medical institutions. In addition to its developing pharmaceutical pipeline, Avicanna's team of experts have developed and commercialized several industry leading product lines, including:

- Pura H&W™: an advanced and clinically tested line of CBD consumer derma-cosmetic products; and,
- RHO Phyto™: an advanced line of medical cannabis products containing varying ratios of CBD and THC currently available nation-wide across Canada in partnership with Medical Cannabis by Shoppers™, a subsidiary of Shoppers Drug Mart. RHO Phyto is the first strictly medical formulary of advanced "Cannabis 2.0" products, containing oils, sprays, capsules, creams, and gels, all

developed with scientific rigour, manufactured under GMP standards and supported by pre-clinical data.

With ongoing clinical trials on its derma-cosmetic (Pura H&W), medical cannabis (RHO Phyto) and a pipeline of pharmaceutical products, Avicanna's dedication to researching the important role that cannabinoids play in an increasingly wider scope of products has been at the core of the Company's vision since its inception. Furthermore, Avicanna's commitment to education is demonstrated through its annual medical symposium, the Avicanna Academy educational platform, and the My Cannabis Clinic patient program through its subsidiary company.

Avicanna manages its own supply chain including cultivation and extraction through its two majority-owned subsidiaries, Sativa Nativa S.A.S. and Santa Marta Golden Hemp S.A.S., both located in Santa Marta, Colombia. Through these sustainable, economical, and industrial scale subsidiaries, Avicanna cultivates, processes, and commercializes a range of cannabis and hemp cultivars dominant in CBD, CBG, THC, and other cannabinoids for use as active pharmaceutical ingredients. Avicanna's Avesta Genetica program specializes in the development and optimization of rare cultivars for commercial production along with feminized seeds for global export. In June 2020, Avicanna made history with a shipment of hemp seeds to the United States of America by completing the first ever export of hemp seeds from Colombia.

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