



Avicanna Enters into an Intellectual Property Licensing and Distribution Agreement with Established Pharmaceutical Company in Argentina

The partnership will focus on the licensing, supply, and expected commercialization of Avicanna's cannabinoid-based drug candidate Trunerox™, in Argentina in the second half 2022

TORONTO, November 30, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Avicanna Inc. ("Avicanna" or the "Company") (TSX: AVCN) (OTCQX: AVCNF) (FSE: 0NN), a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development, manufacturing, and commercialization of plant-derived cannabinoid-based products, is pleased to announce that it has entered into a partnership with an established Argentine pharmaceutical company to register and commercialize Avicanna's proprietary cannabinoid-based pharmaceutical preparations through the licensing of its intellectual property and supply of its active pharmaceutical ingredients ("API").

Through the partnership Avicanna will provide a non-exclusive license of the Company's intellectual property related to its proprietary 10% cannabidiol ("CBD") pharmaceutical drug preparation. Additionally, the partner will source its pharmaceutical-grade CBD exclusively from Avicanna to manufacture the product for the registration and marketing authorization with the Argentine regulatory agency ANMAT.

The marketing authorization of the pharmaceutical preparation is expected to be approved during the second half of 2022 and is expected to be supported with claims related to treatment of epilepsy. The estimated patient population and market potential for epilepsy in Argentina is between 400,000 to 500,000 patients of which about 20,000 patients have refractory epilepsy. "We look forward to entering the Argentine market through a pharmaceutical pathway and to be doing so by delivering our proprietary formulations as solution to patients with unmet medical needs. We are rapidly expanding into the region with innovative and accessible cannabinoid-based pharmaceutical products and are doing so through partnership with reputable industry leaders," stated Lucas Nosiglia, President of Avicanna LATAM.

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About Avicanna

Avicanna is a Canadian commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company established in cannabinoid research, development, and evidence-based products for the global consumer, as well as medical and pharmaceutical market segments. In leading global cannabinoid advancements, Avicanna conducts most of its research in Canada at its R&D headquarters in the Johnson & Johnson Innovation Centre, JLABS @ Toronto, located in the MaRS Discovery District. The company actively collaborates with leading Canadian academic and medical institutions. Avicanna has established an industry-leading scientific platform including advanced R&D and clinical development which has led to the commercialization of over twenty products across four main market segments:

- **Medical Cannabis & Wellness Products:** Marketed under the RHO Phyto™ brand, or Magisterial Preparations, these medical and wellness products are an advanced line of pharmaceutical-grade cannabis products containing varying ratios of cannabidiol ("CBD") and tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC"). The product portfolio contains a full formulary of products including oral, sublingual, topical, and transdermal deliveries that have controlled dosing, enhanced absorption and stability studies supported by pre-clinical data. The advanced formulary is marketed with consumer, patient and medical community education and training. Avicanna's medical and wellness product portfolio also forms the foundation of the Company's pharmaceutical pipeline with the contribution of the



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formulations that form the basis of the products as well as the data generated from sales and participation of the products in real world evidence studies.

- CBD Derma-Cosmetic Products: Marketed under the Pura H&W™ or Pura Earth™ brands, these registered, clinically tested, derma-cosmetic products include a portfolio of functional CBD topical products.
- Pharmaceutical Pipeline: Leveraging Avicanna's scientific platform, vertical integration, and real-world evidence, Avicanna has created a pipeline of patent-pending drug candidates which are indication-specific and in various stages of clinical development and commercialization. These cannabinoid-based drug candidates provide solutions for unmet medical needs in the areas of dermatology, chronic pain, and various neurological disorders. Avicanna's first pharmaceutical preparation (Trunerox) is in the drug registration stage in South America.
- Cannabis Raw Materials, Seeds, and Bulk Formulations: Marketed under the Aureus™ brand, the Company's raw material business has successfully completed sales to 11 countries. Aureus offers cannabis dried flower, standardized seeds, full spectrum extracts, and cannabinoid distillates, isolated cannabinoids (CBD, THC, cannabigerol ("CBG") and other rare cannabinoids), and bulk formulations derived from hemp and cannabis cultivars through its sustainable, economical, and industrial-scale subsidiaries based in Colombia. The majority of the Aureus products are produced at Santa Marta Golden Hemp S.A.S. ("SMGH"), the Company's majority-owned subsidiary, which is also Good Agricultural and Collection Practices ("GACP") certified and has United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") National Organic Program certification for its hemp cultivar.

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