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**News Release** 

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# **PreveCeutical Provides Corporate Update**

**Vancouver, British Columbia: PreveCeutical Medical Inc. (the "Company" or "PreveCeutical")** (CSE: PREV, OTCQB: PRVCF, FSE: 18H), is pleased to provide an update on the Company's progress in its ongoing corporate initiatives.

PreveCeutical has recently reached several milestones as it continues to execute its strategy to become a global preventive healthcare company. These milestones include: entering into a natural health product licensing agreement (the "Licensing Agreement") with Asterion Cannabis Inc. ("Asterion"); launching its medicinal cannabis division (the "Cannabis Division"); completing a \$6.5 million financing (the "Financing"); and expanding its Australian operations. In Australia, the Company has reached its research targets in its scorpion venom-derived peptide program (the "Peptide Program") and the soluble gel ("Sol-gel") drug delivery platform program (the "Sol-gel Program").

# Licensing Agreement with Asterion

On August 15, 2018, Asterion granted PreveCeutical a worldwide licence to use, manufacture, distribute and sell three Health Canada approved natural health products (the "**Natural Health Products**"). The Natural Health Products consist of three natural sleep aids - "Blissful Sleep", "Blissful Sleep Ex" and "Skullcap Serenity". These Natural Health Products have traditionally been used in herbal medicine to aid sleep and relieve anxiety and pain. All of the Natural Health Products have undergone thorough testing and meet or exceed the requirements of the European Pharmacopoeia and Health Canada. The Company plans to begin manufacturing the Natural Health Products and selling them in retail pharmacies, health-conscious stores as well as on the Company's website.

# The Cannabis Division

The Cannabis Division is responsible for bringing medicinal cannabis-based products (the "**Medicinal Cannabis Products**") developed by the Company to market and overseeing the Company's Sol-gel Program and its resultant formulations. Through the sale of the Medicinal Cannabis Products, the Company aims to help consumers address a number of ailments, including chronic pain, epilepsy, anxiety disorders and more. Moving forward, the Cannabis Division will seek out additional cannabis products and technologies for the Company to commercialise, ranging from transdermal patches and topical creams to capsules and novel methods of administering the medicinal cannabis.

## The Financing

On June 29, 2018, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement of 130,799,750 units (the "**Units**") at a price of \$0.05 per Unit for gross proceeds of \$6,539,988. The proceeds will be used to fund the Company's research and development programs and for general working capital purposes. For further information on the financing, see news release dated June 29, 2018.

## **Australian Operations**

## Expanded Operations and Aurora Cannabis Inc. Shipments

The Company expanded its operations and incorporated an Australian subsidiary, PreveCeutical (Australia) Pty Ltd. The decision to expand its Australian operations was influenced by Australia's strong foundation of academic and clinical research, as well as the Australian research and development tax incentives.

The Company conducts its research and development programs in Australia, and after successfully applying for and receiving the necessary permits, PreveCeutical arranged for two deliveries of medicinal cannabis from Canada by Aurora Cannabis Inc. to the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence at the University of Queensland for use in the Sol-gel Program.

## The Sol-Gel Program

By applying the Sol-gel technology to cannabis, the Company intends to develop therapies for relief from a range of symptoms, including pain, inflammation, anxiety, seizures and neurological disorders. The advantages of Sol-gels over conventional liquid nasal sprays include: longer therapeutic effects, reduced dosage requirements and reduced negative side effects, such as irritation.

The current focus of the Sol-gel Program is the preparation of Sol-gel formulations containing fixed CBD:THC concentrations, which, when sprayed using the Company's custom applicator, will be able to safely and consistently deliver CBD:THC to the central nervous system in predefined ratios, enabling the development of Medicinal Cannabis Products tailored for a broad range of ailments and diseases.

#### The Peptide Program

Phase 1 of the Peptide Program yielded promising results, as PreveCeutical's research team identified eight peptide candidates for the Company's future Nature Identical<sup>TM</sup> peptide therapeutics, which are intended to treat, regulate and prevent cancer progression.

Phase 2 of the Peptide Program is now underway, as the Company works to re-design the peptides, with the goal of enhancing their biostability, while maintaining their potency during screening against well-characterised and defined targets associated with brain cancer. In Phase 3, the Company will begin to screen the peptides in cell-based cancer models.

#### About PreveCeutical

PreveCeutical is a health sciences company that develops innovative options for preventive and curative therapies utilizing organic and nature identical products.

PreveCeutical aims to be a leader in preventive health sciences and currently has five research and development programs, including: dual gene therapy for curative and prevention therapies for type 2 diabetes and obesity; a Sol-gel drug delivery program; Nature Identical<sup>™</sup> peptides for treatment of various ailments; non-addictive analgesic peptides as a replacement to the highly addictive analgesics such as morphine, fentanyl and oxycodone; and a therapeutic product for treating athletes who suffer from concussions (mild traumatic brain injury).

PreveCeutical sells CELLB9<sup>®</sup>, an Immune System Booster. CELLB9<sup>®</sup> is an oral solution containing polarized and potentiated essential minerals extracted from a novel peptide obtained from Caribbean Blue Scorpion venom. This product is available on the Company's website.

For more information about PreveCeutical, please visit www.PreveCeutical.com, follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/PreveCeuticals and Facebook: www.facebook.com/PreveCeutical.

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