



## **Acreage Holdings Appoints Gretchen McCarthy As Vice President of Retail Operations**

NEW YORK, Aug. 01, 2019 -- [Acreage Holdings, Inc.](#) ("Acreage") (CSE: ACRG.U) (OTCQX: ACRGF) (FSE: 0ZV) today announced the appointment of Gretchen McCarthy as Vice President of Retail Operations. Ms. McCarthy will be responsible for providing leadership and direction to Acreage stores across Acreage's national retail portfolio, which includes licenses to open up to 88 dispensaries (including pending acquisitions) in the U.S. Ms. McCarthy will report to Chief Operating Officer, Robert Daino.

As a seasoned executive in the cannabis space, Ms. McCarthy joins Acreage after previously serving as Vice President of Dispensary Operations and Development at Curaleaf Holdings, Inc. from 2017 to 2019. In this role, she was responsible for expanding Curaleaf's retail footprint by providing dispensary management and operational guidance for all store locations. From 2015 to 2017, in her role as Director of Dispensary Operations and Development, Ms. McCarthy led the Human Resources function for Curaleaf as a whole and managed day-to-day operations of a Curaleaf dispensary in Bellmawr, New Jersey. Additionally, in 2011, Ms. McCarthy opened and operated one of the first medical cannabis dispensaries on the East Coast, Maine Organic Therapy.

"As we continue to bolster our retail presence and leverage our suite of products throughout the country, I am thrilled to partner with Gretchen who possesses both the unique skill-set and capability to ensure that we are delivering an unparalleled trusted experience to both our medicinal patients and adult-use consumers," said Robert Daino.

Regarding her new position, Ms. McCarthy added, "Retail locations in the medical cannabis industry are the vital intersection of education and wellness. As Vice President of Retail Operations, I will make it my mission to provide access and availability to patients that come to each of our locations while providing compassion and professionalism in an emerging market."

### **ABOUT ACREAGE**

Headquartered in New York City, Acreage is the largest vertically integrated, multi-state operator of cannabis licenses and assets in the U.S. with respect to the number of states with cannabis related licenses, according to publicly available information. Acreage owns licenses to operate or has management or consulting services agreements in place with license holders to assist in operations in 20 states (including pending acquisitions) with a population of approximately 180 million Americans, and an estimated 2022 total addressable market of more than \$17 billion in legal cannabis sales, according to Arcview Market Research. Acreage is dedicated to building and scaling operations to create a seamless, consumer-focused branded cannabis experience. Acreage's national retail store brand, The Botanist, debuted in 2018.

### **FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This news release and each of the documents referred to herein contains "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included herein are forward-looking information, including, for greater certainty, statements regarding the proposed transaction with Canopy Growth Corporation (the "Proposed Transaction"), including the anticipated benefits and likelihood of completion thereof. Generally, forward-looking information may be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "proposed", "is expected", "budgets", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases, or by the use of words or phrases which state that certain actions, events or results may, could, would, or might occur or be achieved. There can be no assurance that such forward-looking information will prove to be accurate, and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking information. This forward-looking information reflects Acreage's current beliefs and is based on information currently available to Acreage and on assumptions Acreage believes are reasonable. Forward-looking information is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements of Acreage to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. Such risks and other factors may include, but are not limited to: the ability of the parties to receive, in a timely manner and on satisfactory terms, the necessary regulatory, court and shareholders approvals; the ability of the parties to satisfy, in a timely manner, the other conditions to the completion of the Proposed Transaction; other expectations and assumptions concerning the transactions contemplated in the Proposed Transaction; the available funds of Acreage and the anticipated use of such funds; the availability of financing opportunities; legal and regulatory risks inherent in the cannabis industry; risks associated with economic conditions, dependence on management and currency risk; risks relating to U.S. regulatory landscape and enforcement related to cannabis, including political risks; risks relating to anti-money laundering laws and regulation; other governmental and environmental regulation; public opinion and perception of the cannabis industry; risks related to contracts with third-party service providers; risks related to the enforceability of contracts; reliance on the expertise and judgment of senior management of Acreage; risks related to proprietary intellectual property and potential infringement by third parties; the concentrated voting control of Acreage's founder and the unpredictability caused by Acreage's capital structure; risks relating to the management of growth; increasing competition in the industry; risks inherent

in an agricultural business; risks relating to energy costs; risks associated to cannabis products manufactured for human consumption including potential product recalls; reliance on key inputs, suppliers and skilled labor; cybersecurity risks; ability and constraints on marketing products; fraudulent activity by employees, contractors and consultants; tax and insurance related risks; risks related to the economy generally; risk of litigation; conflicts of interest; risks relating to certain remedies being limited and the difficulty of enforcement of judgments and effect service outside of Canada; risks related to future acquisitions or dispositions; sales by existing shareholders; and limited research and data relating to cannabis. A description of additional assumptions used to develop such forward-looking information and a description of additional risk factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking information can be found in Acreage's disclosure documents, including the Circular and Acreage's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2018 filed on April 29, 2019, on the SEDAR website at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Although Acreage has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking information, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Readers are further cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information as there can be no assurance that the plans, intentions or expectations upon which they are placed will occur. Forward-looking information contained in this news release is expressly qualified by this cautionary statement. The forward-looking information contained in this news release represents the expectations of Acreage as of the date of this news release and, accordingly, is subject to change after such date. However, Acreage expressly disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as expressly required by applicable securities law. Neither the Canadian Securities Exchange nor its Regulation Service Provider has reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of the content of this news release.

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