



## **RUSSELL BREWERIES INC. ANNOUNCES RECORD DATE AND AMOUNT OF SECOND RETURN OF CAPITAL**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SURREY, BRITISH COLUMBIA, Canada – January 5, 2018** - Russell Breweries Inc. (NEX:RB.H) (“**Russell**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that following receipt of certain final payments contemplated by the sales of all or substantially all of its assets related to its two former operating business in two separate transactions completed on December 2, 2016 and December 17, 2016 (the “**Asset Sales**”), the board of directors of the Company has fixed the amount and record date for the second cash distribution by way of a return of capital (the “**Return of Capital**”). The shareholders of the Company previously approved such return of capital at the Company’s annual general and special meeting held on November 28, 2016, as more particularly described in the management information circular of the Company dated October 26, 2016. An initial distribution was paid to shareholders of the Company upon completion of the Asset Sales as previously announced on March 27, 2017.

The Return of Capital will be in the amount of CAD\$0.035 per Russell common share (the “**Russell Shares**”), subject to any withholding tax, if any, to be paid to all registered shareholders of record at the close of business on January 17, 2018. The aggregate amount to be paid to the shareholders of the Company will be approximately CAD\$3,047,932.58 and the payment will be made on January 26, 2018 (the “**Payment Date**”).

The Return of Capital will be made in accordance with the “due bill” trading procedures of the TSX Venture Exchange (the “TSXV”). The purpose is to have traded shares carry the value of the Return of Capital until it is paid. A due bill will notionally represent the Return of Capital of CAD\$0.035 per Russell Share a holder of a Russell Share is entitled to receive. A due bill will attach to each Russell Share traded from the trading day before the record date for the Return of Capital until the Payment Date, being the date the Return of Capital is paid. During this due bill trading period, any trade of Russell Shares on the NEX board of the TSX Venture Exchange will trade on a “due bill basis”, meaning a seller of Russell Shares will also sell to the purchaser the entitlement to the Return of Capital (which is represented by the due bill attached to each Russell Share sold). The due bill period for the Return of Capital will be January 16, 2018 to January 26, 2018. Anyone acquiring the Russell Shares up to and including January 26, 2018 will be entitled to receive the Return of Capital. The Russell Shares will commence trading on an ex-distribution basis (without an attached “due bill” entitlement) effective from the opening of trading on January 29, 2018, the next trading day following the Payment Date. The due bill redemption date will be January 30, 2018 (the second trading day after the ex-distribution date, when all trades with due bills attached have settled).

The Company is currently evaluation various alternatives for the Company following the “Return of Capital”, including a possible voluntary dissolution of the Company.

Shareholders do not need to take any action. Computershare Investor Services Inc., the Company's transfer agent, will send to registered shareholders funds representing the return of capital and beneficial shareholders will have their brokerage accounts automatically updated to reflect the Return of Capital.

Eligible shareholders are strongly cautioned to consult with their financial, broker, legal, tax and/or investment advisors regarding any matters pertaining to the Return of Capital and the tax consequences associated therewith.

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**About Russell Breweries Inc.**

Russell Breweries Inc. was a leading Western Canadian brewer that brewed, marketed, sold and distributed a diverse portfolio of award winning beers which has now sold substantially all of assets and does not have any current operations. Russell Breweries Inc. is publicly listed on the NEX board of the TSX Venture Exchange (NEX:RB.H).

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*Wherever used, the words "may", "will", "anticipate", "intend", "expect", "estimate", "plan", "believe" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements and forward-looking information. Forward-looking statements and forward-looking information should not be read as guarantees of future events, performance or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of whether, or the times at which, such events, performance or results will be achieved. All of the statements and information in this release containing forward-looking statements or forward-looking information are qualified by these cautionary statements. These forward-looking statements and information include statements regarding the amount and timing of the Return of Capital, possible future alternatives for the Company, including a potential voluntary dissolution, and the due bills process.*

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*and uncertainties surrounding future expectations generally. Actual results and developments are likely to differ, and may differ materially, from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements and forward-looking information contained in this release. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, any future alternatives of the Company, including a possible voluntary dissolution, , any regulatory or legal approvals required for the Return of Capital, the due bills process of the TSXV, the estimated future expenses of the Company, government regulation of the Company's business, state of the public markets, and global economic conditions, and dependence of key personnel, hazards and liability risks faced by all brewers, among other things.*

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