## BELGRAVIA DERMATOLOGY COMPLETES IDENTIFICATION OF INITIAL DRUG TARGETS WITHIN THE SKIN ENDOCANNABINOID SYSTEM AND ALSO IDENTIFIES BIO MARKERS FOR PRE CLINICAL WORK IN ACNE

TORONTO – (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – JUNE 18, 2018 – BELGRAVIA CAPITAL INTERNATIONAL INC. (CSE:BLGV) (OTCQB:BLGVF) ("Belgravia" or the "Company") today announced that its subsidiary, Belgravia Dermatology Inc. ("Belgravia Dermatology") has completed the selection of initial drug targets and biological markers for its pre-clinical work in cannabinoid based dermatological treatments for unmet medical needs. The Company's indications of interest include acne, atopic dermatitis, and psoriasis. The initial focus of product development is acne.

In addition to having identified drug targets and molecular biomarkers for unmet medical needs in acne, the Company is now defining specific drug delivery techniques which will allow for consistent dosing, a clearly defined therapeutic window for intradermal drug delivery, and the buttressing of intellectual property through correlating highly effective intradermal drug delivery technology with active pharmaceutical ingredients.

Dr. Sam Hanna, a well-known dermatologist with many years of medical and clinical research experience, and Chief Medical Officer of Belgravia Dermatology stated: "While there are many drugs available in the market to treat acne, these drugs often induce irritancy or are incompletely effective. There is a need for the development of drugs with novel mechanisms of action to target acne, with high efficacy and safety profiles. As our understanding of the endogenous endocannabinoid system has evolved, we realized this complex regulator of multiple physiological processes can likely be manipulated to influence several fundamental aspects of skin balance.

Dr. Hanna continued: "Based on our research to date, we have now identified specific cannabinoid receptors of interest including those which are neither CB-1 nor CB-2 receptors. The effects of activation or suppression of these receptors appears to include down-regulation of lipid production, the down-regulation of sebocyte proliferation, and the down-regulation of skin inflammation. The next steps for Belgravia Dermatology involve the finalization of delivery mechanisms, the filing of Intellectual Property incorporating active pharmaceutical ingredients and delivery technologies, and the further confirmation of research through cell line work. Various relevant cell lines are readily available."

Mr. Mehdi Azodi, President and Chief Executive Officer of Belgravia, and Chairman and President of Belgravia Dermatology stated: "We are pleased to be advancing our dermatology subsidiary under the guidance of Dr. Hanna. We are currently looking to establish relationships with laboratories with licensed narcotics dealer accreditation, and with formulators of polymeric delivery systems."

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