

# Empower Clinics Receives its Hemp-Handlers Licence from Oregon Department of Agriculture and Commences Food Establishment Application to Produce Edibles

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VANCOUVER, Aug. 8, 2019 /CNW/ - **EMPOWER CLINICS INC.** (CSE: CBDT) (Frankfurt 8EC) (OTC: EPWCF) ("**Empower**" or the "**Company**"), a vertically integrated and growth-oriented CBD life sciences company, and a multi-state operator of medical health & wellness clinics in the U.S., is pleased to announce it's Oregon State subsidiary, Empower Healthcare Corp. has been awarded it's Hemp-Handlers License from the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) under license number AG-R1062748IHH, allowing the Company to commence build-out and operate the new 5,000 sq. ft. extraction facility in Sandy, OR.

The Company has also commenced the application process with the Oregon Department of Agriculture for the Food Establishment Plan permit that will allow the Company to manufacturer and produce a wide array of edible products in the new facility or in an adjacent location. Popular edible CBD products can include gummies, drinks & beverages, chocolate, pantry items such as peanut butter and honey and baked goods.

"The ODA has strict requirements regarding the award of a hemp-handlers license and/or a Food Establishment permit, to ensure that extraction operators and CBD product producers operate to the highest of standards." said Steven McAuley, Empowers Chairman & CEO. "The award of the hemp-handlers license is a significant milestone for our company as we continue on our path of growth and vertical integration."

The Company, with the support of the team at Pathangay Architects [www.pathangayarchitects.com](http://www.pathangayarchitects.com) is now able to move into the next phase of facility design and building permit applications based on the ODA license approval. Preliminary security systems and IT networks have been installed and the Company anticipates draft architectural drawings to be completed in Q3 2019 and initial extraction equipment orders to be placed.

## **ABOUT EMPOWER**

Empower is a vertically integrated and growth-oriented CBD life sciences company, and a multi-state operator of medical health & wellness clinics, operating the Sun Valley Health clinic brand [www.sunvalleyhealth.com](http://www.sunvalleyhealth.com), for its nine corporate locations and for franchises in the United States. As a CBD product manufacturer under the Solievo brand, the company distributes its lines through clinics, online and through retail partners. Extraction operations are currently being developed in the Company's new extraction facility in Oregon.

## **ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Steven McAuley  
Chief Executive Officer

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