Empower Clinics Provides MCTO Update

VANCOUVER, BC / ACCESSWIRE / May 16, 2022 / Empower Clinics Inc. (CSE:CBDT) (Frankfurt:8EC) (OTCQB:EPWCF) (the "Company" or "Empower") is providing an update with respect to its previously announced management cease trade order (the "MCTO") issued by the British Columbia Securities Commission on May 3, 2022.

The MCTO was issued in connection with the delay by the Company in filing its annual financial statements, management's discussion and analysis and related officer certifications for the financial year ended December 31, 2021 (collectively, the "Required Filings") before the prescribed deadline of May 2, 2022.

The Company's staff and accounting firm is working diligently with its auditors. The Company now expects to have the audit of the Required Filings completed, and the Required Filings filed, no later than June 30, 2022.

The Company is providing this status update in accordance with National Policy 12-203 Management Cease Trade Orders ("NP 12-203"). The Company intends to follow the provisions of the Alternative Information Guidelines set out in NP 12-203, including the issuance of bi-weekly default status reports in the form of news releases. The Company confirms as of the date of this news release that there has been no material change in the information contained in the default announcement issued on May 3, 2022 and there is no other material information concerning the affairs of the Company that has not been generally disclosed.

This press release is available on the Empower Clinics Verified Forum on AGORACOM for shareholder discussion, questions and engagement with management https://agoracom.com/ir/EmpowerClinics

ABOUT EMPOWER:

Empower is an integrated healthcare company that provides body and mind wellness for patients through its clinics, with digital and telemedicine care, a medical device company and world-class medical diagnostics laboratories. Supported by an experienced leadership team, Empower is aggressively growing its clinical and digital presence across North America. Our Health & Wellness and Diagnostics & Technology business units are positioned to positively impact the integrated health of our patients, while simultaneously providing long term value for our shareholders.

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