# **News Release**



### Gunpowder Capital Corp., Provides Update on Franchise Holdings International, Inc.

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**Toronto, Ontario, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018** – Gunpowder Capital Corp., (CSE: GPC), (CSE: GPC.PR.A), (OTCQB: GNPWF), (Frankfurt: YS6N), ("Gunpowder" or the "Corporation") announced today that its client Franchise Holdings International Inc., (OTC Pink: FNHI), ("FHI") can resume the process of qualifying to become a reporting issuer in Canada.

In January of 2017, the Board of Directors of FHI concluded that the audit reports related to FHI's Form 10K for fiscal 2015 and subsequently the quarterly reports, on Form 10-Q, for the periods ending March 31, 2016, June 30, 2016 and September 30, 2016 and the registration statement on Form S-1/A filed on September 23, 2016 (collectively, the "Filings") could no longer be relied upon. The Board of Directors of FHI discussed this matter with FHI's newly appointed independent auditor, who concurred with this determination. FHI has completed adjusting the applicable financial statements and has completed the amended Filings. Furthermore, FHI has also completed filing its Form's 10-Q, for the periods ending March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017 and with these filing's, FHI is now currently up-to-date in its required regulatory filings and is once again in "good standing" on the OTC Markets.

With the completed filing's FHI, with GPC's assistance, is now in a position where it can immediately resume the process of qualifying in becoming a reporting issuer in Canada which is required in order for FHI to have the ability to apply in having its common shares listed onto the Canadian Securities Exchange (the "CSE"). The Ontario Securities Commission ("OSC") has been designated as the principal regulator of FHI, and FHI is currently working on amending its preliminary non-offering prospectus so that it can be reviewed by the OSC. Both GPC and FHI expect that FHI will be in a position to submit preliminary non-offering prospectus to the OSC within the next ten to fifteen business days.

Mr. Paul Haber Stated: "We are very pleased that FHI is back in 'good standing' and that it's now in a position where collectively we can continue and finalize the reporting issuer approval process which we had to put on pause back in May of 2017. Despite the set-back we at GPC are still very confident in both FHI's business plan and its business model."

#### About Gunpowder Capital Corp.

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