

# Jushi Holdings Inc. Expands Retail Footprint in California

Signs definitive agreements to acquire an operating dispensary in Palm Springs and a retail license holder in Grover Beach

Entered into a long-term lease agreement and plans to commence construction in Culver City

BOCA RATON, Fla., Jan. 14, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Jushi Holdings Inc. ("Jushi" or the "Company") (CSE: JUSH) (OTCMKTS: JUSHE), a vertically integrated, multi-state cannabis operator, announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire 100% of the equity of Organic Solutions of the Desert, LLC ("OSD"), an operating dispensary located in Palm Springs, California, and approximately 78% of the equity of a retail license holder located in Grover Beach, California with the rights to acquire the remaining equity in the future (the "California Dispensary Acquisitions"). Jushi is also moving forward in the merit-based application process as one of only three selected applicants for a storefront retail (and ancillary delivery) permit in Culver City, California. On December 17, 2020, one of the Company's subsidiaries entered into a long-term lease agreement for a bespoke, ground-up build. The closing of the California Dispensary Acquisitions, and the Company's opening of a storefront retail (and ancillary delivery) dispensary in Culver City, are subject to state and local regulatory approvals. The three new locations will be in addition to the Company's BEYOND / HELLO<sup>™</sup> Santa Barbara store, which opened in October 2020.

"We are thrilled to continue the expansion of the BEYOND / HELLO<sup>™</sup> retail brand in California with the addition of three premier locations," said Jim Cacioppo, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman and Founder of Jushi. "We will continue to target and evaluate attractive, limited license market opportunities in California for potential investment and expansion. I am excited to bring our customer-first approach to new markets and look forward to serving the local residents and visitors of Palm Springs, Grover Beach, Culver City, as well as continuing to serve the Santa Barbara community."

# **Palm Springs Dispensary**

With more than 14 million tourists per year, Palm Springs is an attractive market and luxury travel destination. Currently operating and conveniently located at <u>4765 E Ramon Road</u>, one of the busiest streets in the city, OSD has been the leading revenue generator since the inception of Palm Springs adult-use cannabis program in 2018. OSD is strategically located across from Palm Springs International Airport (over 2.5 million travelers in 2019) and has ample dedicated parking spots. Upon closing, Jushi intends to roll out its best-in-class customer-first approach, including its online reservation ordering platform, and implement express pick-up and delivery options at the dispensary to drive new customer growth.

#### **Grover Beach Dispensary**

Grover Beach is located between Oceano and Pismo Beach, and approximately 80 miles north of the Company's BEYOND / HELLO<sup>™</sup> Santa Barbara location. A limited license market with a maximum of four retail licenses permitted, Grover Beach offers strong barriers to entry that align with the Company's expansion strategy. In addition, the neighboring cities around Grover Beach currently prohibit retail cannabis dispensaries from operating, making it a prime location for delivery in addition to being supported by an annual tourist population of approximately 2.2 million. Upon completion of the build out of the new BEYOND / HELLO<sup>™</sup> in Q3 2021, this location will be the fourth and final retail dispensary permitted in the city.

# **Culver City Dispensary**

Located directly west of Los Angeles and south of Beverly Hills, Culver City is one of the most dynamic cities in California with a growing population and thriving job market. The new Culver City ground-up build dispensary will be at the high-traffic corner of Venice and Sepulveda Blvd. and is located near the 405 Freeway and Venice Blvd on-ramps. The location will have excellent street visibility with an attached parking lot and will have entrances on both streets for easy access. In addition to the high traffic visibility (~70,000 cars pass by per day), it is also located within a 1.5-mile radius of a residential population of over 100,000 people. Jushi expects to open the Culver City dispensary by Q2 2022.

#### About Jushi Holdings Inc.

We are a vertically integrated cannabis company led by an industry leading management team. In the United States, Jushi is focused on building a multi-state portfolio of branded cannabis assets through opportunistic acquisitions, distressed workouts, and competitive applications. Jushi strives to maximize shareholder value while delivering high quality products across all levels of the cannabis ecosystem. For more information, please visit www.jushico.com or our social media channels, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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