

Benchmark Grants Stock Options

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - August 10, 2018) - **Benchmark Botanics Inc. (CSE: BBT) (formerly Kaiyue International Inc.)** (the "**Company**" or "**Benchmark**") announces the granting of stock options to consultants and employees of the Company for an aggregate of 2,580,000 stock options of the Company exercisable at C\$0.60, being the unit price for each common share of the most recent market price closed on August 9, 2018, effective August 9, 2018. The Options shall expire and terminate on August 8, 2023.

These stock options have been granted in accordance with the Company's Stock Option Plan. Pursuant to this plan, the Company is authorized to grant an aggregate of up to 10% of its issued and outstanding common shares on a rolling basis. Immediately following this award of stock options the Company has issued and outstanding stock options for 9,113,333 common shares of the Company and there were 4,721,464 stock options of the Company available for future grant.

About Benchmark

Benchmark Botanics, Inc. is: "Cannabis Redefined"

Benchmark is a publicly traded company based out of Vancouver, British Columbia, that is positioned to provide financing, partnership and acquisition opportunities to licensed producers and ancillary businesses within the global cannabis industry.

In November 2017, the Company acquired its first subsidiary, Potanicals Green Growers Inc. Potanicals Green Growers possesses a Health Canada license to cultivate cannabis and is an Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes (ACMPR) Licensed Producer. In its first phase of operations, Potanicals is currently cultivating in its 12,700 square foot PHASE I indoor production facility. Benchmark is pursuing additional sites to retro-fit for large scale cultivation expansion.

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