Benchmark Announces Appointment of Independent Director

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - November 17, 2020) - **Benchmark Botanics, Inc.** (CSE: BBT) (FSE: BBW) ("Benchmark" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Mike Cosic to the Company's board of directors.

Mr. Cosic brings over 25 years of financial experience to Benchmark Botanics, including corporate finance and corporate development involving several mergers, acquisitions and divestitures. He is currently the CFO of Meta Growth Corp., a leading Canadian recreational cannabis retailer. He was previously the CFO at both DLT Labs Inc. and Lithium Americas Corp., and currently sits on the Board of Directors and is Audit Committee Chairman of Eastern Platinum Limited. Mr. Cosic holds an MBA degree and is a CFA charterholder.

About Benchmark

Benchmark is a diversified multi-licensed cannabis producer focused on a three-way vertical business model targeting the medical and recreational markets in Canada. The Company's business plan also includes a strategy to become a Canadian licensed producer to pioneer selling medical cannabis and hemp throughout Asia, in countries where it is legal to do so.

Benchmark is focused on producing the highest-quality, indoor-grown cannabis for patients and adult recreational consumers, as well as developing international business partnerships to extend the Company's global footprint.

Benchmark's 100% owned subsidiary, Potanicals Green Growers Inc. ("Potanicals") is a Health Canada licensed producer under the Cannabis Act and its regulations. The Company has been producing at its indoor Peachland, BC Cannabis Complex. Along with cultivation and production, the Company's Peachland BC facility also provided propagation, cultivation, cloning, storage, and research and development including genetic enhancements.

As part of its expansion strategy, the Company and a joint venture partner completed a second facility, a 4-acre Greenhouse Operation in Pitt Meadows, BC. The Company, through Potanicals, received its second cultivation license, effective November 29, 2019, from Health Canada for the Pitt Meadow greenhouse.

For further information, please visit the Company's website at <u>www.benchmarkbotanics.com</u> or the Company's profile at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF **BENCHMARK BOTANICS INC.**

"William Ying" William Ying Chief Executive Officer

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