

# Nextleaf Solutions Granted Second Patent for Production of THC Prodrug with Psychedelic Medicinal Potential

## The Company's Canadian and US patents facilitate future pharmaceutical joint development agreements.

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - July 15, 2020) - Nextleaf Solutions Ltd. (CSE: OILS) (OTCQB: OILFF) (FSE: LOMA) ("Nextleaf", "OILS", or the "Company") Canada's most innovative cannabis extractor, announced today that the Canadian Intellectual Property Office has granted the Company its 40<sup>th</sup> issued patent. This latest patent pertains to the acetylation of cannabinoids. More specifically, the patent describes a process for acetylating delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol ("THC") and its subsequent refinement into THC-O-Acetate using salting-out assisted liquid-liquid extraction and distillation techniques.

"Nextleaf's patented process to produce THC-O-Acetate enables the standardization of a more potent analog of THC, an alternative option to experience the unique medicinal benefits, associated with targeted drug delivery," said Nextleaf CEO Paul Pedersen. "The potency of THC-O-Acetate is said to be 300% that of THC with potentially psychedelic features," continued Nextleaf CEO Paul Pedersen.

Prodrugs utilize various physical and chemical modifications to improve features of active drugs. Maintaining the integrity of the molecule and its ability to deliver drugs to precisely targeted areas in the body may significantly reduce consumption, as well as reduce unintended side effects.

"To the best of my knowledge, Nextleaf is the first company in the world, publicly traded or private, to be issued patents for the production of THC-O-Acetate in any jurisdiction, including the United States and Canada," said Taran Grey, Director of Intellectual Property.

On February 27, 2020 the Company announced that it had received a related patent in the United States. By receiving this patent in Canada, the world's foremost jurisdiction for federally regulated cannabis, an outstanding opportunity is presented with fewer barriers to entry for pharmaceutical firms looking to manufacture and distribute cannabinoid formulations and prodrugs in a federally legal jurisdiction.

Nextleaf has a 100% success rate obtaining issued patents from its pending patent applications, compared to averages of less than 50% for life science companies<sup>1</sup>. The Company expects opportunities to commercialize this latest patent through IP licensing agreements with pharmaceutical companies; and, by producing IP protected cannabinoid products as legally permitted by Health Canada.

### About Nextleaf®

OILS is Canada's most innovative cannabis extractor, developing technology for extracting and distilling cannabinoids. Nextleaf's industrial-scale extraction plant in Metro Vancouver has a design capacity to process 600 kg per day of dried cannabis biomass into distilled oils. The Company owns a portfolio of 40 issued patents and over 60 pending patents for the extraction and distillation of cannabinoids. Nextleaf Solutions commercializes its patent portfolio through IP licensing, and the wholesale of THC and CBD oils through Nextleaf Labs, a Health Canada licensed standard processor.

Nextleaf Solutions trades as OILS on the Canadian Securities Exchange, OILFF on the OTCQB Market in the United States, and LOMA on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

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<sup>1</sup> Michael Carley, Deepak Hegde & Alan Marco, What is the Probability of Receiving a U.S. Patent?, 17 Yale J.L. & Tech (2015). Available at: <https://digitalcommons.law.yale.edu/yjolt/vol17/iss1/5>

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