



News Release

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ASCENT INDUSTRIES PROVIDES UPDATE ON THE FILING OF ITS ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Vancouver, B.C. – Ascent Industries Corp. (CSE: **ASNT**) ("**Ascent**") announced today that the Company has not filed its annual financial statements, the related management's discussion and analysis or the accompanying Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer certification for its financial year ended December 31, 2018 (the "**Annual Filings**"), within 120 days of December 31, 2018 (the "**Filing Deadline**"), as required under Parts 4 and 5 of National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations* and National Instrument 52-109 – *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings*.

As previously reported, Ascent is currently involved in proceedings under the *Companies Creditors Arrangement Act* (the "**CCAA**"). Ascent has been advised by the British Columbia Securities Counsel that under the CSA Practice Guidelines, Cease Trade Orders are not issued against Issuers who are subject to a CCAA proceeding.

Ascent intends to comply with the provisions of the alternative information guidelines as set out in National Policy 12-203 - *Management Cease Trade Orders* for so long as it remains in default due to the late filing of the Annual Filings, including the issuance of bi-weekly default status reports, in the form of a news release. The management of Ascent are committed to working with its auditors to complete the year-end audit as soon as possible.

Annual Meeting and Special Meeting of the Shareholders

As a consequence of the late-filing of the Annual Filings, it is necessary for the Company to delay each of the Annual Meeting and Special Meeting of Shareholders, which the Company previously announced it would hold on June 6, 2019. Whereas each of the Annual Meeting and Special Meeting were previously to be held on the same date, the delay in Annual Filings necessitates that the meetings now be held separately. Ascent will provide its shareholders with new particulars of the General Meeting, at which the annual financial statements will be published, as soon as possible.

The previously-announced Special Meeting of shareholders, which will deal with matters related to the requisition made by a group of dissident shareholders (previously announced on February 11, 2019), will now proceed on June 25th, at 10:00 a.m. in Vancouver. The record date of May 1, 2019 will be maintained for the Special Meeting.

Shareholders are not required to take any action at this time in respect of the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting.

The Company will prepare a Management Information Circular (“MIC”) in connection with the Special Meeting and intends to file circulate it to shareholders by the last week of May.

About Ascent Industries Corp.

The Company’s operations currently include facilities Oregon and Nevada in the United States. In the United States, the Company holds licences in Oregon (for processing and for distribution of cannabis to any licenced entity in the state) and in Nevada (for cultivation and for production, processing and wholesale distribution of cannabis). In Europe, Agrima ApS, a Danish company and wholly-owned subsidiary of Ascent, has established European headquarters and is pursuing multiple jurisdictional licences.

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