



News Release

For Immediate Release

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### **DEFAULT STATUS REPORT**

**Vancouver, B.C.** – Ascent Industries Corp. (CSE: ASNT) (“**Ascent**” or the “**Company**”) is providing this default status report pursuant to National Policy 12-203 Cease Trade Orders for Continuous Disclosure Defaults (“**NP 12-203**”) and applicable policy of the British Columbia Securities Commission applicable to companies, such as Ascent, that are the subject of CCAA Proceedings (as defined below).

On May 16, 2019, the Company announced that its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, including the related management discussion and analysis, and CEO and CFO certifications (collectively, the “**Annual Filings**”) were not filed by the required filing deadline of April 30, 2019.

As previously reported, Ascent is currently involved in proceedings under the *Companies Creditors Arrangement Act* (the “**CCAA Proceeding**”). Ascent has been filing default status reports contemplated by NP 12-203 and will continue to do so until such time that the CCAA Proceeding is concluded or until the default in making the Annual Filings is remedied.

The Company reports that since its last news release in the first week of October, there have been no material changes regarding the information contained in that news release. Further, there is no other material information concerning the affairs of the Company that has not been generally disclosed. The Company confirms that, since its last news release in the first week of October, there have been no failures by it in fulfilling its stated intentions with respect to satisfying the provisions of the alternative information guidelines under NP 12-203, and the Company intends to file the Annual Filings and its unaudited quarterly financial statement for 2019 as soon as possible.

### **UPDATE ON GREEN SAGE SETTLEMENT**

The Company is pleased to report that we have reached a settlement with our largest creditor Green Sage LLC and its affiliates. The Green Sage claim has been resolved and they have agreed to support a Plan of Arrangement to be presented to the Company’s creditors in the near future. Once finalized and filed with the Court, a creditor meeting will be scheduled to approve this Plan. Following a positive vote at the creditor meeting, Court approval will be required to allow Ascent to exit CCAA.

### **RESIGNATION OF MAHONY CAI**

On October 8, 2019 Mahony Cai formally provided his resignation as a Director of the Company to be effective immediately.

The Company would like to thank Mr. Cai for his substantial contributions and wish him all the best with his other endeavors.

**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 licenses in Oregon (for processing and for distribution of cannabis to any licensed entity in the state) and in Nevada (for cultivation and for production, processing and wholesale distribution of cannabis).

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