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News Release

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ASCENT ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF CCAA PLAN BY AFFECTED CREDITORS AND CORPORATE UPDATE

Vancouver, B.C. – Ascent Industries Corp. (**CSE: ASNT**) ("**Ascent**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that Affected Creditors (as defined in the Plan) approved the Company's first amended and restated consolidated plan of compromise, arrangement and organization (the "**Plan**") under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* ("**CCAA**") at a meeting of Affected Creditors (the "**Meeting**") held on December 12, 2019.

The Plan was supported by 98% of the number of Affected Creditors and 97% of the value of Affected Claims (as defined in the Plan). Pursuant to the CCAA, the Plan required the approval of a majority in number of Affected Creditors, who represent at least two-thirds in value of the Affected Claims, who actually vote, or who, under the terms of the Plan, are deemed to have voted on the resolution approving the Plan at the Meeting.

The Company intends to appear before the Supreme Court of British Columbia (the "**Court**") on December 19, 2019 to seek a sanction order in respect of the Plan. Implementation of the Plan is subject to, among other things, the Court's approval and sanction of the Plan and the fulfillment or waiver of certain conditions set out in the Plan. Provided all conditions to the Plan are met or waived, and the Plan is sanctioned by the Court, it is anticipated that the Plan could become effective on or prior to December 31, 2019.

CORPORATE UPDATE

As part of its efforts to execute on its revised business plan which focuses on the high potential THC and hemp CBD markets in the United States, the Company is reviewing its operations in Oregon. Based on the latest developments in the Oregon market and its own internal analysis, the Company is of the view that the level of investment required to operate successfully in Oregon may not be supported by the level of funding that is expected to be available upon the Company's exit from CCAA.

The Company intends to focus its efforts and resources on establishing a hemp CBD and cannabis product line and expanding its operations in Nevada. The Company's revised business plan envisions a line of Ascent hemp CBD and cannabis products which are sold in dispensaries across the United States.

Copies of the Plan and other Court materials and information relating to the Plan and the CCAA proceedings, all as may be updated or amended from time to time, are available on the website maintained by Ernst & Young Inc., the Court-appointed CCAA monitor (the "**Monitor**"), at www.ey.com/ca/ascent. All inquiries regarding the Company's proceedings under the CCAA should be directed to the Monitor by mail at Ernst & Young Inc., Pacific Centre, 700 West Georgia Street, P.O. Box 10101, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V7Y 1C7, Attention: Jason Eckford, or by e-mail at jason.eckford@ca.ey.com.

About Ascent Industries Corp.

The Company's operations currently include facilities 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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