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Assure Holdings Founder Settles Debt Owed to the Company and Offers to Give Back One Million Options to Support the Company's Retention and Recruitment

DENVER, Jan. 08, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Assure Holdings Corp. (the "**Company**" or "**Assure**") (TSXV: IOM; OTCQX: ARHH), a provider of intraoperative neuromonitoring services, has signed an agreement with Founder and Director Preston Parsons to fully retire the debt obligation he owed to the Company.

Parsons entered into an agreement with Assure on August 6, 2018, pursuant to which he agreed to repay certain reclassified expenses and pledge certain collateral to secure repayment. The debt, including accrued interest, as of December 31, 2018, was \$2.2 million.

Assure's board of directors, with Parsons abstaining, determined that it is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders to settle the debt by surrendering and cancelling 1,461,392 of his shares at a price of \$1.50 per share. The volume weighted average trading price of Assure's common stock on the TSXV during the 30-day period ended December 31, 2018, was CAD \$2.15 per share (\$1.58 per share in U.S. dollars based on the Bank of Canada exchange rate of 1.36 as of December 31, 2018).

Following the cancellation of shares, the Company's fully diluted share count reduced from 44.5 million shares to approximately 43 million shares.

"The retirement of Preston's debt eliminates a distraction to the Company and significant overhang on our market capitalization," said John A. Farlinger, Assure's executive chairman and interim CEO. "We believe the structure to accomplish the repayment is the most efficient way to move past this obligation and is in the best interest of our shareholders. With this behind us, we look forward to continuing to work with Preston, our founder and visionary, as well as our entire board and executive team as we strive to build the leading North American neuromonitoring services company."

Separately, to foster talent retention and recruiting of new employees, Parsons offered to give back one million options, leaving approximately two million options now available in Assure's stock option plan. Farlinger continued: "Preston recognized the need to have more options available in our existing stock option pool as a means to not only retain our current employees but competitively recruit strong professional talent that will enable our growth. We appreciate Preston's support and commitment to make sure that Assure has the necessary options to drive our business forward."

Following the surrender and cancellation of shares and options, Parsons still owns

approximately 23 million of the 43 million fully diluted shares outstanding.

About Assure Holdings

Assure Holdings Corp. is a Colorado-based company that works with neurosurgeons and orthopedic spine surgeons to provide a turnkey suite of services that support intraoperative neuromonitoring activities during invasive surgeries. Assure employs its own staff of technologists and uses its own state-of-the-art monitoring equipment, handles 100% of intraoperative neuromonitoring scheduling and setup, and bills for all technical services provided. While Assure focuses primarily on supporting spinal and vascular surgeries, plans are in place to support other classes of medicine that rely on the standard of care that intraoperative neuromonitoring provides. For more information, visit the company's website at www.assureneuromonitoring.com.

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