

# Gladstone Land Acquires Blueberry Cooling and Storage Facilities in California

**MCLEAN, VA / ACCESSWIRE / March 15, 2021** /Gladstone Land Corporation (NASDAQ:LAND) ("Gladstone Land" or the "Company") announced that it has acquired approximately 108,000 square feet of various cold storage and supporting facilities in Stockton, California. The facilities are primarily used for the cooling and storage of fresh organic and conventional blueberries. In connection with the acquisition, Gladstone Land entered into a 10-year lease agreement with the seller, who is an existing tenant of the Company.

"These facilities are critical to the tenant's local farming operations," said Joseph Van Wingerden, Director at Gladstone Land. "Blueberries need to be cooled very quickly after being harvested in order to preserve their quality. We are excited to continue our role as capital partners for our growers and expand our portfolio of both farmland and farm-related facilities in the fresh fruit and produce space."

"Gladstone Land has had two consecutive years of very strong growth, and we hope to continue that trend," said David Gladstone, President and CEO of Gladstone Land. "We are also expecting another strong year from an operational standpoint. We have several additional farms that were purchased at the end of 2020 that had little impact on last year's financial results. In addition, we have more farms scheduled to pay participation rents later in 2021. We are hopeful that these additional participation rents, along with the higher margins achieved on our recent acquisitions, will allow us to further grow our adjusted funds from operations."

## About Gladstone Land Corporation:

Founded in 1997, Gladstone Land is a publicly traded real estate investment trust that acquires and owns farmland and farm-related properties located in major agricultural markets in the U.S. and leases its properties to unrelated third-party farmers. The Company, which reports the aggregate fair value of its farmland holdings on a quarterly basis, currently owns 140 farms, comprised of approximately 101,000 acres in 13 different states, valued at approximately \$1.2 billion. Gladstone Land's farms are predominantly located in regions where its tenants are able to grow fresh produce annual row crops, such as berries and vegetables, which are generally planted and harvested annually. The Company also owns farms growing permanent crops, such as almonds, apples, cherries, figs, lemons, olives, pistachios, and other orchards, as well as blueberry groves and vineyards, which are generally planted every 10 to 20-plus years and harvested annually. The Company may also acquire property related to farming, such as cooling facilities, processing buildings, packaging facilities, and distribution centers. The Company pays monthly distributions to its stockholders and has paid 97 consecutive monthly cash distributions on its common stock since its initial public offering in January 2013. The Company has increased its common distributions 21 times over the prior 25 quarters, and the current per-share distribution on its common stock is \$0.04495 per month, or \$0.5394 per year. Additional information, including

detailed information about each of the Company's farms, can be found at [www.GladstoneLand.com](http://www.GladstoneLand.com).

Owners or brokers who have farmland for sale in the U.S. should contact:

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Lenders who are interested in providing the Company with long-term financing on farmland should contact Jay Beckhorn at (703) 587-5823 or [Jay.Beckhorn@GladstoneCompanies.com](mailto:Jay.Beckhorn@GladstoneCompanies.com).

For stockholder information on Gladstone Land, call (703) 287-5893. For Investor Relations inquiries related to any of the monthly dividend-paying Gladstone funds, please visit [www.GladstoneCompanies.com](http://www.GladstoneCompanies.com).

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*For a definition of net asset value and a reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP measure, please see the Company's Form 10-K.*

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