

iAnthus Announces Closing of US\$35 Million Private Placement of Unsecured Convertible Note Units

NEW YORK, March 18, 2019/CNW/ - <u>iAnthus Capital Holdings</u>, <u>Inc</u>. ("iAnthus" or the "Company") (CSE: IAN) (OTCQX: ITHUF), which owns, operates, and partners with best-inclass regulated cannabis operations across the United States, is pleased to announce that it has completed the private placement offering of US\$35 million of unsecured convertible notes and corresponding warrants to three investors (the "Offering"). The proceeds from the Offering will be applied to continue the build-out of facilities across the Company's 11-state footprint.

"With the closing of the transaction with MPX Bioceutical Corporation in early February, iAnthus remains driven to become a market leader across our 11-state platform. This financing allows the Company to simultaneously strengthen our balance sheet, deepen our investor base, and fund our growth capital," said Hadley Ford, CEO of iAnthus.

The Company has issued units consisting of US\$35 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured convertible notes, with a maturity date of four years (the "Notes") and 2,177,291 warrants ("Warrants") to purchase common shares of the Company ("Common Shares"). Additionally, until April 26, 2019, one of the noteholders shall have the right to purchase up to an additional US\$25 million aggregate principal amount of Notes and corresponding Warrants.

The Notes accrue interest at the rate of 8% per annum, payable quarterly, which may, at the Company's option, be paid up to 50% in common shares of the Company ("Common Shares") for two years following closing. The Notes are convertible into an aggregate of 5,912,160 Common Shares at US\$5.92 per Common Share. At any time following July 16, 2019, iAnthus may force the conversion of the Notes into Common Shares if the daily volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the OTCQX is greater than US\$10.29 for any ten consecutive trading days. Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one Common Shares at an exercise price of US\$6.43 per Common Share for a period of 36 months from the closing date.

GMP is acting as the exclusive financial advisor to iAnthus. The Company has agreed to pay a finder fee to one party, of US\$1.2 million, of which 50% is payable in cash and 50% is payable through the issuance of 116,600 Common Shares.

Following the transaction, iAnthus' cash balance exceeds \$50 million, and the Company has a total of 158,069,719 basic shares and 233,300,155 fully diluted shares outstanding, respectively.

The Notes and Warrants issued pursuant to the Offering and any Common Shares issued on

conversion of the Notes or exercise of the Warrants are subject to a statutory hold period in Canada of four months and one day following the closing date in accordance with applicable securities laws, which shall expire on July 16, 2019. Additional resale restriction may be applicable under the laws of other jurisdictions, if any.

About iAnthus Capital Holdings, Inc.

iAnthus Capital Holdings, Inc. owns and operates best-in-class licensed cannabis cultivation, processing and dispensary facilities throughout the United States, providing investors diversified exposure to the U.S. regulated cannabis industry. Founded by entrepreneurs with decades of experience in operations, investment banking, corporate finance, law and health care services, iAnthus provides a unique combination of capital and hands-on operating and management expertise. iAnthus currently has operations in 11 states, and operates 21 dispensaries (AZ-4, MA-1, MD-3, FL-3, NY-2, CO-1, VT-1 and NM-6 where iAnthus has minority ownership). For more information, visit www.iAnthusCapital.com.

Forward Looking Statements

Statements in this news release that are forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties concerning the specific factors disclosed here and elsewhere in iAnthus' periodic filings with Canadian securities regulators. When used in this news release, words such as "will, could, plan, estimate, expect, intend, may, potential, believe, should, our vision" and similar expressions, are forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements may include, without limitation, statements including the use of proceeds from the Offering, the purchase of additional Notes and Warrants under the Offering, dispensary locations, facility build-outs, and other statements of fact.

Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements in this news release are made as of the date of this release. iAnthus disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise such information, except as required by applicable law, and iAnthus does not assume any liability for disclosure relating to any other company mentioned herein.

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