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## MediPharm Labs Australia Granted State Licences, Completes Construction of Specialized Production Facility

BARRIE, Ontario, Dec. 06, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- MediPharm Labs Corp. (TSX: LABS) (OTCQX: MEDIF) (FSE: MLZ) ("MediPharm Labs" or the "Company") a global leader in specialized, research-driven cannabis extraction, distillation and purification, today announced that its subsidiary, MediPharm Labs Australia Pty. Ltd. ("MediPharm Labs Australia"), has received State Licences for cannabis substances from the Department of Health and Human Services in Victoria, Australia and completed the initial phases of construction of its specialized extraction facility in Wonthaggi.



To mark the official opening of MediPharm Labs Australia on December 6, 2019 by the Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria, a plaque is unveiled. Pictured (L to R): Jordan Crugnale, Member of Parliament for Bass, Daniel Andrews, Premier of Victoria, Warren Everitt, CEO Asia Pacific, MediPharm Labs, Brett Tessari, Mayor of Wonthaggi, and John Skerritt, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health.





To mark the official opening of MediPharm Labs Australia in Wonthaggi, Victoria on December 6, 2019, Warren Everritt, CEO Asia Pacific (L) and the Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria (R) complete the ribbon cutting ceremony.



At the official opening of MediPharm Labs Australia on December 6, 2019 in Wonthaggi, Victoria, James Lee, Head of Project Management Office, Asia Pacific, tours the Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria (R) and other dignitaries through the specialized extraction facility.

Under these State Licences, MediPharm Labs Australia is allowed to store, test and supply cannabis for research purposes at its newly built facility. Construction of the 10,000 square foot plant began 18 months ago. The final stage of regulatory approvals is now underway and is expected in H1 2020, which will make MediPharm Labs Australia a first mover in the Australian market for the manufacture of cannabis derivative products.

“We envisioned that MediPharm Labs Australia would be a pioneering leader in the supply of high-quality, pharmaceutical-like cannabis derivative products for the domestic Australian and international export markets,” said Warren Everitt, Chief Executive Officer, Asia Pacific, MediPharm Labs. “The achievements we mark today reflect tremendously well on our domestic engineering, project management and regulatory affairs capabilities, and provide tangible evidence that our vision will soon be realized for the benefit of our customers, shareholders and the Australian economy.”

MediPharm Labs Australia was designed to have annual capacity of 75,000 kg and to replicate the high-quality standards of the Company’s Canadian production facility. It features multi-phase supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> extraction equipment, clean rooms and testing laboratories. Both facilities were built to achieve GMP certifications. A GMP certificate from the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration is the next priority start-up step, with the regulatory audit process already proceeding.

“Starting a business is never easy but the skilled team at MediPharm Labs Australia under Warren’s direction has made it look that way,” said Pat McCutcheon, Chief Executive Officer, MediPharm Labs. “I congratulate everyone involved for quickly bringing us to this advanced pre-production phase. We’re now starting the final countdown to commercialization of the asset.”

To mark the completion of facility construction, Mr. Everitt hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony today where Daniel Andrews, the Premier of Victoria, Australia, John Skerritt, the Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Health, and Brett Tessari, Mayor of Wonthaggi addressed the audience.

“Victoria is continuing to lead the way in medicinal cannabis in Australia and we are proud to support MediPharm Labs in calling Wonthaggi, Gippsland its Australian home”, said Daniel Andrews, Premier of Victoria, Australia. “We’re proud to be actively attracting investment in this ground-breaking industry that will not only improve the lives of patients around the world, but also create local jobs.”

#### **MediPharm Labs Group Milestones to Date in Australia:**

- **June 18, 2018** – Breaks ground on 10,000 sq.ft. purpose-built facility, 127 km southeast of Melbourne, in Wonthaggi, Victoria.
- **Feb 21, 2019** – Signs first international private label two-year sales agreement with AusCann Operations Pty. Ltd. (“AusCann”) for cannabis concentrate to be exported to Australia from Canada; Cannabis concentrate to be used for hard-shell capsules to research and treat chronic pain.
- **Mar-Aug, 2019** – Recruits senior leadership team from leading companies within the Australian pharmaceutical industry.
- **May 21, 2019** – Receives Cannabis Manufacturing Licence from the Australian Office of Drug Control (ODC) under the *Narcotic Drugs Act 1967*.

- **June 24, 2019** – Announces first export of medical cannabis concentrate to Australia in accordance with Health Canada export and Australian ODC import permits.
- **Aug 1, 2019** – Wins INNOVATION AWARD at the Australian Cannabis Industry Awards, for role defining a new extraction-specialist segment in the medical cannabis industry.
- **Sept 3, 2019** – Enters a manufacturing agreement with a licensed Australian entity; Signs three multi-year supply agreements with ODC-approved cultivators (including BBS Pharmaceuticals).
- **Sept 27, 2019** – Receives multi-phase supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> extraction equipment.
- **Oct 1, 2019** – Announces second set of larger exports of medical cannabis concentrate from Canada to Australia in accordance with Health Canada export and Australian ODC import permits.
- **Dec 5, 2019** – Receives State Licences for cannabis substances from the Department of Health and Human Services in Victoria, Australia.
- **Dec 6, 2019** – Celebrates the completion of construction of facility in Wonthaggi, Victoria.

For more detail, visit <https://www.medipharmlabs.com/news/press-releases>

## About MediPharm Labs

Founded in 2015, MediPharm Labs specializes in the production of purified, pharmaceutical-like cannabis oil and concentrates and advanced derivative products utilizing a Good Manufacturing Practices designed facility and ISO standard built clean rooms. MediPharm Labs has invested in an expert, research driven team, state-of-the-art technology, downstream purification methodologies and purpose-built facilities with five primary extraction lines for delivery of pure, trusted and precision-dosed cannabis products for its customers. Through its wholesale and white label platforms, they formulate, process, package and distribute cannabis extracts and advanced cannabinoid-based products to domestic and international markets. As a global leader, MediPharm Labs has completed commercial exports to Australia and is nearing commercialization of its Australian extraction facility. MediPharm Labs Australia was established in 2017.

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