

# GrowGeneration Acquires All the Assets of Sonoma Hydro Creating a \$2.5 Million Northern California Retail Distribution Center

DENVER, CO -- (Marketwired) -- 02/15/17 -- GrowGeneration Corp. (OTCQB: GRWG), GrowGeneration ("GrowGen" or the "Company"), one of the largest specialty retail hydroponic and organic gardening store chains, selling to both the commercial and home cannabis markets, with currently 10 locations in Colorado, 1 location in California and 1 location in Las Vegas, NV, today announced that it has acquired all of the assets of Sonoma Hydro and signed a 5-year lease on a 8,000 square foot facility in Santa Rosa, CA. The Sonoma Hydro location, one of the original hydroponic stores in what is known as the Emerald Triangle, will serve as a retail and warehouse location servicing the growing number of both commercial and home growers in the Northern California market.

# GrowGeneration Focused On Aggressive California Expansion

California continues to present significant growth opportunities for GrowGen, particularly after passing an adult use law in November 2016. According to New Frontier Data, the California market projects to grow at a compounded annual rate of 18.5%, from \$2.76 billion in 2015 to \$6.5 billion by 2020. The Northern California market is particularly important due to the high concentration of cannabis cultivators in the region, dubbed the "Emerald Triangle" by industry participants.

### **GrowGen CEO Comments**

Commenting on GrowGen's acquisition in Northern California, Darren Lampert, Co-Founder and CEO, said, "Acquiring Sonoma Hydro, one of the original hydroponic retailers in Sonoma County, solidifies and strengthens our position in both Sonoma County and neighboring Mendocino County, both of which are abundant with cultivators. Increasing our warehouse and retail showroom space, will allow us to stock at inventory levels and sizes to attract the large commercial growers. With the cultivation licenses being issued this year in Sonoma County, GrowGen is now well positioned to gain new business. California is a major marketplace that the Company is developing, and plans to add several locations in the coming months."

## About GrowGeneration Corp. :

GrowGeneration Corp. ("GrowGen") owns and operates specialty retail hydroponic and organic gardening stores. Currently, GrowGen has 12 stores, which includes 10 locations in Colorado, 1 location in California and 1 location in Nevada. GrowGen carries and sells thousands of products, including organic nutrients and soils, advanced lighting technology and state of the art hydroponic equipment to be used indoors and outdoors by commercial

and home growers. Our mission is to own and operate GrowGeneration branded stores in all of the major legalized cannabis states. Management estimates that roughly 1,000 hydroponic stores are in operation in the U.S. According to New Frontier Data, the U.S. cannabis market was \$5.7 billion in 2015 and is expected to have reached \$7.2 billion at the end of 2016. By 2020 the market is estimated to reach over \$23 billion with a compound annual growth rate of 32%.

# Forward Looking Statements:

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