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StateHouse and Pelorus Capital Group Enter into Strategic Arrangement to Operate Humboldt County Cultivation Facility

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StateHouse to Provide Project Management, Operational Oversight and Strategic Direction at Humboldt County Cultivation Facility

SAN DIEGO and TORONTO, Aug. 22, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [StateHouse Holdings Inc.](#) ("StateHouse" or the "Company") (CSE: STHZ) (OTCQX: STHZF), a California-focused, vertically integrated cannabis enterprise, today announced that it has entered into a Managed Service Agreement (the "Agreement") with Pelorus Capital Group ("Pelorus") to manage the operations at Willow Creek located in Humboldt County, (collectively, the "Humboldt Facilities") for a monthly, fixed fee for an initial 18-month term.

In addition to its cultivation and operational expertise, StateHouse will provide Pelorus with its full range of services including human resources, legal and compliance, post-harvest production and processing, contract manufacturing, distribution and safety management. The Humboldt Facilities include a 150,000 square foot greenhouse production facility with an additional acre of field production, in addition to nursery licenses that are split between two facilities, including a 1,500 square foot tissue culture laboratory.

"We are off to an impressive start to 2023 and with numerous corporate milestones already completed, we have secured our position as a leading operator in the State," said Ed Schmults, Chief Executive Officer of StateHouse. "This new arrangement with Pelorus has opened the potential to expand our managed services to be an all-margin business line, which will further improve our bottom line and leverage our proven cultivation and operations experience. By highlighting our expertise in Humboldt, we believe this can unlock significant opportunity to provide managed services to other owners in the state and across the country. This new services initiative has the potential to quickly develop into a strong cash-generating division for StateHouse."

Mr. Schmults added, "We are thrilled to further deepen our trusted partnership with Pelorus. As experts in California, we have many long-standing relationships across the industry and believe we are extremely well-positioned to provide genetics, cultivation prowess, management oversight and strategic thinking necessary to revitalize operations at the Humboldt Facilities."

"StateHouse has a long history as a trusted operator and we look forward to leveraging the full breadth of their experience and talented team to bring the Humboldt Facilities to their full potential," said Travis Goad, Pelorus Capital Group. "Bringing in such a seasoned operator whose extensive expertise in the cultivation of cannabis is critical to success in the dynamic California market."

About StateHouse Holdings Inc.

StateHouse, a vertically integrated enterprise with cannabis licenses covering retail, major brands, distribution, cultivation, nursery, and manufacturing, is one of the oldest and most respected cannabis companies in California. Founded in 2006, its predecessor company Harborside was awarded one of the first six medical cannabis licenses granted in the United States. Today, the Company operates 14 dispensaries covering Northern and Southern California and one in Oregon, distribution facilities in San Jose and Los Angeles, California and integrated cultivation/production facilities in Salinas and Greenfield, California. StateHouse is a publicly listed company, currently trading on the Canadian Securities Exchange ("CSE") under the ticker symbol "STHZ" and the OTCQX under the ticker symbol "STHZF". The Company continues to play an instrumental role in making cannabis safe and accessible to a broad and diverse community of California and Oregon consumers.

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expanded managed services revenue, and the Company's ability to execute on its long-term growth plan.

These forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions and estimates of management of the Company at the time such statements were made. Actual future results may differ materially as forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance, or achievements of the Company to materially differ from any future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors, among other things, include: implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Company's operations; fluctuations in general macroeconomic conditions; fluctuations in securities markets; expectations regarding the size of the cannabis markets where the Company operates; changing consumer habits; the ability of the Company to successfully achieve its business objectives; plans for expansion and acquisitions; political and social uncertainties; inability to obtain adequate insurance to cover risks and hazards; employee relations; the presence of laws and regulations that may impose restrictions on cultivation, production, distribution, and sale of cannabis and cannabis-related products in the markets where the Company operates; and the risk factors set out in the Company's management's discussion and analysis for the year ended December 31, 2022 and the Company's listing statement dated May 30, 2019, which are available under the Company's profile on www.sedar.com. Although the forward-looking statements contained in this news release are based upon what management of the Company believes, or believed at the time, to be reasonable assumptions, the Company cannot assure shareholders that actual results will be consistent with such forward-looking statements, as there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. Readers should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements and information contained in this news release. The Company assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements of beliefs, opinions, projections, or other factors, should they change, except as required by law.

The Company, through several of its subsidiaries, is directly involved in the manufacture, possession, use, sale, and distribution of cannabis in the recreational and medicinal cannabis marketplace in the United States. Local state laws where the Company operates permit such activities however, investors should note that there are significant legal restrictions and regulations that govern the cannabis industry in the United States. Cannabis remains a Schedule I drug under the United States Controlled Substances Act, making it illegal under federal law in the United States to, among other things, cultivate, distribute, or possess cannabis in the United States. Financial transactions involving proceeds generated by, or intended to promote, cannabis-related business activities in the United States may form the basis for prosecution under applicable United States federal money laundering legislation.

While the approach to enforcement of such laws by the federal government in the United States has trended toward non-enforcement against individuals and businesses that comply with recreational and medicinal cannabis programs in states where such programs are legal, strict compliance with state laws with respect to cannabis will neither absolve the Company of liability under United States federal law, nor will it provide a defense to any federal proceeding which may be brought against the Company. The enforcement of federal laws in the United States is a significant risk to the business of the Company and any proceedings brought against the Company thereunder may adversely affect the Company's operations and financial performance.

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