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## **GCI Subsidiary PhytoPain Pharma Announces Submission of Orphan Drug Designation Application for Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol and Cannabidiol in the United States**

Ottawa, Ontario - (Marketwired – September 6, 2016) – PhytoPain Pharma Inc. (“**PhytoPain Pharma**” or “**PPP**”), a subsidiary of GrowPros Cannabis Ventures Inc. (“**GrowPros**” or the “**Company**”) (CSE:GCI), today announces the submission to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office of Orphan Products Development, two applications for Orphan Drug Designation for delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol for the treatment of patients with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Type 1 (CRPS1) and patients with Central PostStroke Pain (CPSP). The decision to proceed with these Orphan Drug Designation submissions is part of PPP’s plan to move forward with the development of a cannabis prescription drug product for the treatment of neuropathic pain associated with CRPS1 and CPSP. If successful, the designation of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol as an Orphan Drug will open the door for many opportunities most notably tax credits on clinical research reduction of the waiting period and reduced registration fees. It also provides PPP with a 7-year period of market exclusivity in the U.S.

Dr. Guy Chamberland, M.Sc., Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer of PhytoPain Pharma, commented: "Our Orphan Drug Designation submissions, announced today, are part of our corporate strategy to develop and commercialize delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol prescription drug products for the management of neuropathic pain associated with cancer, HIV, CPSP, and CRPS1 and uncontrolled pain within the United States." He continued: "I am also very pleased to report that PPP and its collaborators are on track to finalize the Clinical Trial Application (CTA) and submit the clinical protocol to the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) for review. PPP is developing these prescription drug products for both the Canadian and USA market and intends on obtaining marketing approval from Health Canada and the US FDA. Our medical research team headed by Apical Science Inc. principals Dr. Randy Ringuette, Ph.D. and Dr. Charles Campbell, Ph.D. has been tasked with finalizing these documents for the regulatory agencies.

“This important step positions PPP at the forefront of North American cannabis based consumer drug product development. PPP intends to engage industry partners operating under Canada’s ACMPR (Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposed Regulation) to participate in various aspects of the development process. Being able to leverage this

federally legal infrastructure will allow PPP many benefits not available in other jurisdictions”, commented GrowPros CEO Ryan Brown.

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