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Organic Hemp Pioneers RE Botanicals[™] and Palmetto Harmony[™] Announce Merger to Shake Up Hemp CBD Industry

Ethical and Transparent Innovators to Become 1st Vertically Integrated, USDA Certified-Organic Hemp CBD Company

Boulder, Colo. (August 19, 2019) – Strong advocates of organic and regenerative farming, RE Botanicals, the Pure Organic Hemp Apothecary and Palmetto Harmony, a provider of organically cultivated natural essential life oils, have announced a stock merger between the two companies.

The merger of RE Botanicals and Palmetto Harmony was born from a chance encounter at the Victory for Hemp party celebrating the passage of the Farm Bill where the brands' founders, John W. Roulac and Janel Ralph, discovered their shared passion for the hemp plant's ability to regenerate the Earth and human body. A natural partnership, the merger brings new resources to both companies that allow for enhanced innovation and efficiencies which will ultimately increase accessibility to unique, USDA certified-organic CBD products.

RE Botanicals has grown retail distribution from 4 doors in November 2018 to over 1200 doors and will be expanding their offerings of organic hemp-derived CBD products, both at retail and direct to consumer. Both companies now have the platform and resources to explore additional growth opportunities including private label, white label and bulk.

"This merger accelerates RE Botanicals' mission to regenerate healthy soils and the Earth through organic and regenerative farming, while expanding our product offering of USDA certified-organic hemp CBD to support our consumers' wellness," says 20-year hemp industry veteran and environmental advocate, John W. Roulac, the brand's founder and Chief Hemp Officer.

"Along with Regenerative Ag, hemp has fantastic potential to sequester carbon in the soil, reversing climate change in the process. Our combined companies are now more competitive in the marketplace, while moving the standards higher for the burgeoning hemp industry."

Both brands will continue to offer the highest-quality, USDA certified-organic products. The combined company will operate as RE Botanicals, Inc. with the leadership team driving expansion plans for the individual brands. Janel Ralph will become chief operating officer and oversee the hemp growing and manufacturing facility in South Carolina. The new entity aims to shake up the hemp industry by combining their powerful knowledge of organic, regenerative agriculture and deep commitment to ethical, safe formulations to scale rapidly.

"I started Palmetto Harmony in 2015 to improve the quality of life for my special needs daughter. That is why Palmetto Harmony is so passionate about producing safe, quality products." says Ralph. "We focused primarily on growing and manufacturing the highest quality organic products while building trust with consumers through transparency and integrity. RE Botanicals shares these same values and that is why we are honored to be partnering with such an ethical company."

Acknowledging each company's strengths, Palmetto Harmony provides RE Botanicals with greater control of the supply chain, significant reduction in cost of goods and a nimbleness for innovation and

scale. While Palmetto Harmony now has increased access to the network Roulac has built over his two decades of hemp innovation, which also yields access to a sophisticated sales and marketing team with extensive experience powering CPG growth.

BIGR ventures, who contributed seed funding to RE Botanicals, sees this merger of two powerful brands who share a unifying vision, as an opportunity to further support and help shape the exploding CBD market. BIGR's managing partner, Carole Buyers says of the merger, "This is truly a meeting of likeminded and purpose-driven companies. One of the reasons that we invested in RE Botanicals so early in their growth phase is that we believe in the work that founder John Roulac is doing in the agriculture space. Uniting with Palmetto Harmony increases their footprint as a brand and opens them up to exciting new opportunities as product manufacturers. We're excited to see where their continued growth takes both brands."

Immediate post-merger plans include preparing Palmetto Harmony for growth and retail-ready product line building upon their loyal woman centric brand offerings. RE Botanicals will also leverage the synergies to ensure price competitiveness and provide further transparency into the growing and manufacturing of their organic Hemp CBD products. Leadership expects the partnership to generate additional jobs at both their South Carolina and Colorado headquarters over the coming year.

About RE Botanicals:

RE Botanicals[®] is the Pure Organic Hemp Apothecary brand created by 20-year hemp and superfoods veteran John W. Roulac who was also the founder of Nutiva. RE Botanicals products are crafted with the highest quality, full-spectrum, organic hemp extract that taps into the human endocannabinoid system – the system that helps maintain the body's overall wellness and supports many physical processes. We believe health begins in the soil, leading to healthy plants, healthy people, healthy climate and a healthy ocean. Curated with only the highest quality, plant-based hemp extracts with certified-organic MCT Coconut Oil. RE Botanicals offers organic tinctures and body oils that meet all the standards for Organic Certification by the USDA, Residue Tested Glyphosate free, Non-GMO and are third-party lab tested for heavy metals, solvents and pesticides, ensuring they are of the highest quality and purity. 1% of RE Botanicals sales are donated to educate farmers about regenerative agriculture. For more information please visit <u>www.rebotanicals.com</u>.

About Palmetto Harmony:

Palmetto Harmony was borne of a mother's desire to alleviate her child's debilitating seizures. Pharmaceuticals had failed Janel Ralph's daughter Harmony, as had impure hemp-derived cannabidiol products. However, Janel knew there was hope in hemp for Harmony and others like her, so she persevered. In 2015 Janel founded Palmetto Synergistic Research, Palmetto Harmony, and a fullspectrum USDA organic certified product line of the same name. Palmetto Harmony is produced using state-of-the-art proprietary lipid infusion extraction method that preserves the cannabinoid and terpene profiles of the hemp plant throughout the entire process. Ranging from tinctures and topicals, to vape oils, Palmetto Harmony has a wide variety of certified organic products manufactured from its own certified organic hemp crop. All products are third-party lab tested by an ISO certified lab to ensure quality, safety and purity. For more information please visit <u>www.palmettoharmony.com</u>.