

## ECS appoints Paul Hanrahan as Site & Cultivation Manager

ECS Botanics Holdings Ltd (ASX:ECS or Company) is pleased to announce that Mr Paul Hanrahan has joined the company as Site & Cultivation Manager. Mr Hanrahan joins ECS from Western Australia-based medicinal cannabis cultivator Little Green Pharma, having relocated to the ECS production base in Tasmania.

Mr Hanrahan is a qualified horticulturalist with a diverse and varied agriculture and commercial skillset that spans over 30 years.

At Little Green Pharma since 2019, Mr Hanrahan was key to the successful construction and commissioning of facilities including cultivation, post-harvest production and TGA licensed EU GMP manufacturing. He also developed a focus on the enhancement of medicinal cannabis cultivation performance.

Prior to his experience in the medicinal cannabis sector, Mr Hanrahan was as a business owner in the construction industry, bringing a wealth of knowledge and trade skills to project manage industrial-scale agricultural and production facilities.

Mr Hanrahan also brings experience in middle management in the offshore oil and gas sector with Transocean and Atwood Oceanics.

Mr Hanrahan's knowledge and skills are highly desirable in ECS achieving its vision of outdoor agriculture and industrial-scale medicinal cannabis production.

ECS Botanics Managing Director Alex Keach commented:

*"We are very fortunate to have another experienced industry leader joining our team. Paul has end-to-end experience in medicinal cannabis, and now with ECS he will be applying this knowledge with an industrial scale approach. He has immense talent, with a technical and business focus, which is the perfect combination for bringing the ECS strategy to market in an innovative, bankable and timely manner. It's the perfect time in the company's short history for Paul to join the team, with the ECS project advanced and fast tracking towards a large scale medicinal cannabis planting this year."*

Mr Hanrahan commented:

*"It's an exciting time to be joining the ECS Botanics team in Tasmania as we hit a pivotal juncture with the medicinal cannabis industry. Tasmania has ideal outdoor growing conditions, and I'm confident that ECS Botanics commitment to efficient, organic cultivation will sustainably offer a low-cost and high-value product to the market."*

### About ECS Botanics

ECS Botanics is a medicinal cannabis and industrial hemp business, cultivating (own and contract growers) and processing hemp for the wholesale market and its own retail food brand. The company's main operations are conducted in Tasmania, Australia. ECS has the necessary licences to cultivate, supply and manufacture industrial hemp in Tasmania as well as a grower licence in Queensland. ECS holds import and export licences with the Office of Drug Control (ODC) as well as having been granted

licences for the cultivation and manufacture of medicinal cannabis. ECS owns a farm in Tasmania for commercial cultivation of hemp, research and as the site of its next generation approach to medicinal cannabis, which is currently under construction. ECS owns a strategic stake in TapAgrico for the logistics, drying and storage of hemp seed.

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