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Althea reaches 300 patient milestone; signs agreement with Cannabis Access Clinics

- Althea has achieved the 300 patient milestone with 86 registered Healthcare Professionals now prescribing Althea products throughout Australia
- Althea has also signed an agreement with Cannabis Access Clinics, one of the region's largest medicinal cannabis destination clinic networks, for the education of doctors

Melbourne, Australia, 25 January 2019: Medicinal cannabis company, Althea Group Holdings Limited (“Althea”) (**ASX:AGH**) today announces that 300 patients have been prescribed Althea medicinal cannabis, with over 1,100 products dispensed by pharmacies throughout Australia to date.

This milestone signifies Althea's growing prominence in Australia's medicinal cannabis market and confirms the cornerstone of Althea's strategy of educating and supporting doctors and enabling them to become prescribers of Althea medicinal cannabis. Increasing the number of medicinal cannabis prescribers will continue to increase Althea's patient market share in Australia.

Chief Executive Officer of Althea, Mr Joshua Fegan, said: “We are extremely pleased with the results to date, given that over 70% of all products dispensed were provided to patients within the last 3.5 months. Importantly, our sales are now accelerating and have not come through clinical or observational trials, but by doctors making an informed decision to prescribe Althea's products to patients paying out of pocket.”

In addition to working with doctors from hospitals and medical clinics around Australia, Althea is embarking on a research collaboration with Cannabis Access Clinics for the purpose of increasing doctor's understanding and abilities to achieve quality patient outcomes using medicinal cannabis.

With 8 locations across Australia and New Zealand, Cannabis Access Clinics is one of the region's largest medicinal cannabis clinic network, focussed on supporting patient access to medicinal cannabis products.

Medical Director of Cannabis Access Clinics, Dr Sanjay Nijhawan, said "We expect more than 10,000 patients to receive medicinal cannabis approvals in Australia this year, and many of them will be participating in the evidence-based research programs run at Cannabis Access Clinics. Educating our doctors about the various products available on the market is an important part of determining the optimal use of medicinal cannabis as part of the treatment regime."

Mr Fegan says: “Althea's immediate focus is on continuing to educate doctors and rapidly building our patient base. The collaboration with Cannabis Access Clinics provides an opportunity for Althea to share our expertise with their prescribers. Althea remains open to similar arrangements with other emerging destination clinics, as it complements our overarching strategy of reaching and providing education to as many doctors as possible.”



For more information about Althea visit www.althea.com.au

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About Althea

Althea was founded in Melbourne in 2017 with a view to acquiring the necessary licences and permits to import, cultivate, produce and supply medicinal cannabis for eligible patients across Australia. Through strategic supply and distribution partnerships, Althea has been able to commence sales of five Althea branded medicinal cannabis products in Australia.

Althea's focus on patient care underpins its business strategy and its innovative web-based platform and mobile application, known as Althea Concierge, is designed to educate and support patient access to medicinal cannabis in Australia. Althea has also engaged a team of medical science liaisons to assist medical practitioners to become prescribers, and pharmacists to become suppliers, of Althea products.

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