

ASX Announcement
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Interim decision reached on scheduling of CBD

ECS Botanics Ltd (ASX: **ECS** or the **Company**) is pleased to advise that the National Advisory Committee on Medicines Scheduling (ACMS) and Advisory Committee on Chemicals Scheduling (ACCS), both committees within Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), have announced today a decision to alter the schedule 4 listing of CBD.

The interim decision recommends CBD to be classified as schedule 3. This would see CBD available over-the-counter, that is without prescription, from pharmacies.

The second consultation period has a closing deadline of October 13 2020, with the announcement of the final decision on February 1 2021. From this date qualifying CBD products can be made available in Australia over the counter without a prescription.

ECS's outdoor grow medicinal cannabis project has a CBD focus and the Company is pleased to advise that the project is progressing, with construction having commenced. ECS looks forward to updating the market on its CBD project as it progresses, including how it will take advantage of the anticipated increased demand for CBD.

Additionally, ECS also looks forward to updating the market in regard to its hemp food business and its strategy to leverage the opportunity of hemp protein as an optimal, functional and high value plant protein source.

ECS Managing Director Alex Keach said:

"The regulatory environment and market are shifting in ECS's favour and we have a solid production base to leverage our plant-based business for medicinal and food, capturing the extraordinary and unique properties of industrial hemp & cannabis."

About ECS Botanics

ECS Botanics is an agribusiness and hemp food company, 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. ECS owns a strategic stake in TapAgrico for the logistics, drying and storage of hemp seed.

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