

MariMed, Inc. Reports Strong 2019 First Quarter Results; Advancement of Strategic Initiatives

- *Significant improvement in operating performance – Revenue up 69%; Adjusted EBITDA up 76%*
- *Planned consolidation of cannabis operations under MariMed banner advancing on schedule*
- *The launch of MariMed Hemp operations including the development of CBD brands and products*
- *Conversion of debt investment in GenCanna Global Inc. to a significant equity ownership interest*

NORWOOD, MA, May 13, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [MariMed Inc.](#) (OTCQB: MRMD) one of the largest multi-state cannabis operators in the US, today announced 2019 first quarter results for the period ending March 31, 2019.

Continued Strong Revenue Growth and Improved Operating Performance - In the first quarter ended March 31, 2019, revenues grew 69% to \$3.5 million, compared to \$2.1 million for the first quarter of 2018. Gross profit grew 90% to \$2.2 million vs. \$1.2 million for the first quarter of 2018 compared to the same period in 2018. Gross profit as a percentage of revenue grew from 57% in the first quarter of 2018 to 64% in the first quarter of 2019. Both the improvement in revenue and gross profit percentage reflect the strong performance of the underlying operations under the Company's management. Adjusted EBITDA grew 76% to \$585,000 compared to \$332,000 in the same period in 2018.

Reported net loss for the quarter was \$23,211, a 99% improvement over the \$1.9 million loss for the first quarter of 2018. On a per share basis, the first quarter was break even, compared to a \$.01 per share loss for the same period in 2018. With the conversion of the GenCanna Global Inc. debenture to equity in February 2019, the Company is able to reflect its proportionate share of GenCanna's net earnings in its results from that date forward. Contributing to the improvement in the first quarter of 2019 compared to the first quarter of 2018, was the Company's share of net earnings in GenCanna of \$2.0 million, as that organization benefits from the growing demand for CBD products globally. Partially offsetting the GenCanna earnings was a higher net interest expense in the first quarter of 2019 compared to the same period in 2018 due to higher borrowings to fund growth.

The consolidation of MariMed's client operations under management in Massachusetts, Illinois, Nevada, and Maryland is progressing as planned, and is expected to be completed over the next several months. The Company received Massachusetts state approval to be issued 100% of stock of ARL Healthcare, Inc., which holds a provisional RMD state cannabis license. The build-out of ARL Healthcare's 70,000 sq. ft., state of the art cultivation and production facility in New Bedford and its 6,000 ft. dispensary in Middleborough, are substantially completed and awaiting final state approval to commence operations. Two additional dispensaries under this license in the Boston metropolitan area are in development. The Company is awaiting state approval to complete the transfer of ownership for its Illinois, Nevada, and Maryland managed operations. Upon the transfer of ownership of these licensed cannabis companies to MariMed, the company will be reporting the revenue and EBITDA from those operations. The imminent opening of its Massachusetts cannabis business operations as well as the steady increase of revenue in Maryland will have a positive impact on MariMed's operating results going forward.

Financial Strength—MariMed's balance sheet continued to strengthen during the first quarter. Total assets, grew 17.6% during the quarter to \$97.6 million, compared to \$83.0 million at December 31, 2018. To help fund growth initiatives, the company raised \$8.37 million in financing activities during the quarter, principally from sales of common stock and promissory notes.

MariMed Inc. also took strategic steps in the hemp-based CBD market to complement its existing seed-to-sale cannabis operations. They included:

- Establishment of MariMed Hemp Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of MariMed, Inc. to leverage significant opportunities in the hemp-based CBD market for health and wellness products, made possible by the legalization of industrial hemp and its derivatives in the Farm Bill of 2018 (signed into law December 2018).
- MariMed Hemp is developing new and innovative CBD brands and products that will be distributed to retailers and through representatives to health and medical businesses.
- Conversion of debentures in GenCanna Global Inc. into a significant equity position in GenCanna, an industry leader in vertically integrated hemp cultivation and one of the nation's largest producers of GMP compliant CBD products.

MariMed CEO Bob Fireman noted, "We continue to see dynamic growth in our cannabis operations, even as we have become a significant early mover in the burgeoning CBD health and wellness market. We are encouraged by our continued strong operating performance, and look forward to realizing the benefits of investments and initiatives undertaken over the last two quarters, which include the ongoing consolidation of cannabis operations, the opening of additional cannabis facilities in several states, expanding the licensing of our brands and products into additional licensed states, and our multi-pronged entry into the CBD market."

About MariMed Inc.

MariMed, Inc. is dedicated to improving health and wellness with the highest quality hemp and cannabis products. The company offers a full range of cannabis products, operates state of the art cannabis dispensaries in six states, and has recently announced the formation of a separate division, MariMed Hemp is focused on the development of industrial hemp-derived CBD products. MariMed owns a significant stake in Kentucky-based GenCanna Global, a recognized genetic innovator in industrial hemp. Across its branded products, MariMed is in the forefront of precision dosed products for the treatment of specific medical symptoms. MariMed currently distributes its branded hemp and CBD products in select states and is expanding licensing and distribution to numerous additional markets encompassing thousands of dispensaries, pharmacies and wholesalers. Search MariMed and post on social media with the hash tag #MedicatedByMarimed:

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