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Aphria Announces Appointment of Chief Financial Officer

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Aphria Inc. ("Aphria" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE:APH) is pleased to announce the appointment of Carl Merton as Chief Financial Officer of Aphria today.

Mr. Merton, who has been a director of Aphria since its original public listing, most recently served as Chief Financial Officer of a TSX Venture listed manufacturing company, a position he held since 2007. He was deeply involved in the restructuring of the organization during the 2008 financial recession. In addition, he was instrumental in managing the company's liquidity during that period, as well as providing the liquidity necessary for its continued growth afterwards. Prior to joining that public company, Mr. Merton worked for a billion-dollar private manufacturing company assisting them through an aggressive acquisition strategy that ultimately led to its divestiture to a private equity firm. Mr. Merton has 23 years' experience in various financial positions, as well as 10 years in executive financial leadership capacities. Mr. Merton is a Chartered Professional Accountant and is a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Business Valuators.

Mr. Merton succeeds Jonathan Leong, who will continue to provide consulting and transitional services to Aphria through the end of the year. In conjunction with his appointment as CFO, Mr. Merton has tendered his resignation from the Company's Board of Directors. Recently elected director, Robert Kozlov, will assume Mr. Merton's roles on the Company's audit committee and the compensation and governance committee.

"Carl is a tremendous addition to Aphria's executive leadership and represents the next stage in the continued corporate growth of the Company," said Vic Neufeld, Chief Executive Officer of Aphria. "His public markets experience and the financial rigor he will add to our already strong processes positions Aphria for a bright future. In addition, we thank Jonathan for the exceptional service he provided Aphria from its infancy. He was the right person at the right time, a great sounding board and advisor. He and Carl will work diligently to ensure a smooth transition."

Stock Option Grant

The Company has granted 195,000 stock options to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company with an exercise price of \$1.26 for a term of three years.

About Aphria

Aphria Inc., a company continued under the laws of the Province of Ontario and based in Leamington, Ontario, is in the business of producing, supplying and selling medical marijuana pursuant to the *Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations* (the "MMPR"). Under the MMPR, Health Canada is responsible for the

oversight of commercial medical marijuana growers such as Aphria. Aphria's common shares are listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the ticker symbol "APH". For more information, visit www.Aphria.com.

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