



Aphria Announces Final Approval of Copperstate transaction

Aphria increases investment to 15%

Leamington, Ontario – December 21, 2016 – **Aphria Inc. (“Aphria” or the “Company”)** (TSX-V: APH or USOTCQB: APHQF) is pleased to announce that the TSX – Venture Exchange provided Final Approval of the Company’s previously announced investments in Copperstate Farms, LLC and Copperstate Farms Investors, LLC.

Prior to receiving Final Approval, the Company acquired an additional 5% membership interest in Copperstate Farms Investors, LLC, increasing its ownership to 10%, while also maintaining a 5% membership interest in Copperstate Farms Investors, LLC, subsidiary Copperstate Farms, LLC.

About Aphria

Aphria Inc., one of Canada’s lowest cost producers, produces, supplies and sells medical cannabis. Located in Leamington, Ontario, the greenhouse capital of Canada. Aphria is truly powered by sunlight, allowing for the most natural growing conditions available. We are committed to providing pharma-grade medical cannabis, superior patient care while balancing patient economics and returns to shareholders. We are the first public licenced producer to report positive cash flow from operations and the first to report positive earnings in consecutive quarters.

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