

## **Newstrike Subsidiary Up Cannabis Inc. Receives Approval for Unrestricted Production Capacity and Production of Cannabis Oils**

*- Company also receives renewal of production license to 2019 -*

TORONTO, ONTARIO – July 17th, 2017 – Newstrike Resources Ltd. (TSXV:HIP) ("Newstrike" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that Health Canada has approved a number of requested amendments (the "Amendments") to the terms of the production license held by its wholly-owned subsidiary, Up Cannabis Inc. ("Up").

"This removal of production restrictions is an important milestone that we plan to replicate as we build-out our growing platform to accelerate our commercialization strategy", said Jay Wilgar, CEO of Newstrike, Up's parent company. "These amendments expedite the execution of our business plan to provide the greatest range of benefits to the greatest number of authorized cannabis users."

### Summary of the Amendments

#### *(i) Unrestricted production*

In accordance with the *Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations* ("ACMPR"), Up is now authorized to produce an unrestricted amount of cannabis at its Brantford facility.

#### *(ii) Enhanced Manufacturing - Production of Cannabis Oils*

Up has also been authorized to upgrade its Brantford facility to incorporate the specialized extraction equipment required for the production of cannabis oils and, once completed, to produce unrestricted quantities of cannabis oils.

#### *(iv) Enhanced Sales to Licensed Dealers<sup>1</sup>*

Up's portfolio of products available for sale to Licensed Dealers, previously restricted to live marijuana plants and dried cannabis, has been significantly expanded by the Amendments to also include sales of cannabis seeds and oils.

#### *(iii) Enhanced Secure Storage*

Consistent with the removal of production restrictions, Up has received approval to increase its storage capacity to 625 kg of dried cannabis, which is the maximum permitted in the Level 8 vault installed in Up's Brantford facility.

(iv) The Amendments have immediate effect and are slated to remain valid until December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **About Newstrike:**

Newstrike is the parent company of UP Cannabis Inc., a licensed producer of medical cannabis based in Brantford, Ontario that received its cultivation license on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in the ACMPR.

Newstrike, through its ownership of licensed producers, intends to develop a diverse network of high quality cannabis brands that addresses the needs of medical clients and eventually, as the law allows, adult consumers.

For more information visit [www.newstrike.ca](http://www.newstrike.ca).

**Forward-Looking Information:**

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