

# Cardiol Therapeutics Completes Initial Public Offering and the Company's Common Shares and Warrants Commence Trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange Under the Symbols "CRDL" and "CRDL.WT"

Oakville, Ontario--(Newsfile Corp. - December 20, 2018) - Cardiol Therapeutics Inc. (**TSX: CRDL**) ("**Cardiol**" or the "**Company**"), a leader in the research and commercial development of pharmaceutical cannabidiol products and targeted therapies for heart failure and cancer, announces that it has completed its initial public offering (the "**IPO**") on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the "**TSX**"). In connection with the IPO, Cardiol issued (a) 3,000,000 units (the "**Units**") at a price of \$5.00 per Unit, with each Unit consisting of one Class A common share of the Company (a "**Unit Share**" and each Class A common share, a "**Common Share**") and one Common Share purchase warrant of the Company (a "**Warrant**"); and (b) an additional 374,544 Warrants at a price of \$0.38 per Warrant pursuant to the partial exercise by the underwriters of the Over-Allotment Option, resulting in aggregate gross proceeds of \$15,142,327. Cardiol's Common Shares will commence trading today on the TSX under the symbol "CRDL" and the Warrants will commence trading today under the symbol "CRDL.WT".

Each Warrant is exercisable into one Common Share (a "**Warrant Share**") at the price of \$6.50 per Warrant Share, subject to adjustment, for a period of two years, subject to accelerated expiry if, at any time, the volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares is equal to or greater than \$10.00 for any 10 consecutive trading day period.

"Completing our Initial Public Offering represents a significant milestone as we believe it will provide the Company with the financial resources to commercialize our pharmaceutically-manufactured ultra-pure cannabidiol products in the growing market for medical cannabinoids, projected to reach \$2.31 billion in Canada by 2021," stated David Elsley, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cardiol. "It will also support our research and development program focused on advancing our patented nanotechnologies designed to deliver cannabinoids and other anti-inflammatory drugs to sites of inflammation in the failing heart and to pursue an innovative cancer immunotherapeutic in combination with cannabinoids for glioblastoma multiforme, the most malignant and deadly form of brain cancer."

The IPO was made through a syndicate of underwriters led by AltaCorp Capital Inc. and including Mackie Research Capital Corporation, Raymond James Ltd., Echelon Wealth Partners Inc., and Paradigm Capital Inc. (the "**Underwriters**"). Cardiol has granted the Underwriters an over-allotment option (the "**Over-Allotment Option**"), which has been partially exercised and which may also be exercisable in whole or in part, for a period of 30 days, to purchase additional: (a) Units at a price of \$5.00 per Unit ("**Over-Allotment Units**"); (b) Common Shares at a price of \$4.62 per Common Share ("**Over-Allotment Shares**"); (c) Warrants at a price of \$0.38 per Warrant ("**Over-Allotment Warrants**"); or (d) any combination of Over-Allotment Units, Over-Allotment Shares or Over-Allotment Warrants, so long as the aggregate number of Over-Allotment Shares that may be issued under the Over-Allotment Option does not exceed 450,000 Over-Allotment Shares and the additional number of Over-Allotment Warrants that may be issued under the Over-Allotment Option does not exceed 75,456 Over-Allotment Warrants.

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## About Cardiol Therapeutics

Cardiol Therapeutics Inc., [www.cardiolrx.com](http://www.cardiolrx.com), is a leader in the research and commercial development of pharmaceutical cannabidiol products and targeted therapies for heart failure and cancer. The Company is leveraging its expertise in pharmaceutical cannabinoids to develop proprietary formulations for three important medical markets: (1) commercializing a line of >99.5% purity pharmaceutically-manufactured cannabidiol products (with less than 10 ppm THC) in the growing market for medical cannabinoids, projected to reach \$2.31 billion in Canada by 2021 (Source: NewFrontier Data); (2) developing nanotechnologies designed to deliver cannabinoids and other anti-inflammatory drugs for the treatment of heart failure, a leading cause of death and hospitalization with associated healthcare costs exceeding \$30 billion annually in the U.S. alone; and (3) pursuing an immunotherapeutics program commencing with an innovative cancer immunotherapeutic in combination with cannabinoids for treating Glioblastoma Multiforme, the most malignant and deadly form of cancer of the central nervous system and a Fast Track eligible Orphan Indication.

Cardiol has research programs focused on developing nanotherapeutics to treat heart failure underway at international centers of excellence, including the University of Alberta, the Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center, and TecSalud del Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico. Cardiol has also established an exclusive supply agreement with Dalton Pharma Services ("**Dalton**"), a Health Canada approved, U.S. Food and Drug Administration registered, Continuing Good Manufacturing Practice ("**cGMP**") manufacturer of pharmaceuticals, including cannabinoids, for supplying finished pharmaceutically-manufactured cannabidiol products to support the Corporation's research and commercial development programs. Cardiol recently entered into an exclusive supply agreement with Noramco, Inc., a global leader in the

*manufacture and supply of controlled drug substance Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients, to support Dalton's manufacturing with cannabidiol at >99.5% purity and less than 10 ppm THC.*

*Cardiol brings together a wealth of research and development experience, advanced manufacturing capabilities, and a Management team, Board of Directors, and Scientific Advisory Board comprising business and thought leaders with extensive industry experience and expertise in commercializing proprietary drugs.*

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